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RFP out for 3 public lands in Marpi and San Antonio

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REPORTER

The Department of Public Lands issues today a request for proposals, or RFP, for three public lands in Marpi and San Antonio that are available for hotel and other projects so that DPL can get the best offer among competing, legitimate investors.

"I believe this is the first time DPL will be making public lands available, on a competitive basis," acting DPL secretary Pete A. Tenorio told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

The three public lands total 139,832 square meters.

DPL is soliciting sealed proposals from those wanting to lease and commercially develop the following public lands: about 49,500 square meters in Marpi; some 49,505 square meters, also in Marpi; and some 40,827 square meters in San Antonio.

Tenorio said each of the lot could be developed into a hotel resort.

The first two lots in Marpi are contiguous to each other. Flame Sako earlier leased these areas for a planned multi-million dollar hotel but later abandoned

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NMI team wins 4 awards in national math league

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Six students from the Commonwealth public and private schools recently came home victorious after the CNMI team swept four awards at the American Regions Mathematics League Competition.

The CNMI team is composed of Hyun Bin Hwang, Jun Seo Park, and Hye Young Oh from Saipan Southern High School; and Won Woo Choi, Ji Hoon Choi, and Kanata Omori from Marianas Baptist Academy.

The group, who are all gold medalists in

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The members of the CNMI Mathcourt Team pose for a group photo after the awarding rites at the national competition. From left are Hyun Bin Hwang, Jun Seo Park, Hye Young Oh, Won Woo Choi, Kanata Omori, and Ji Hoon Choi.

Kwon, 4 others are NMC academic excellence awardees

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Kwon

Kim

Leung

Padilla

Train

Five graduating students will be bestowed the highest academic honors at the Northern Marianas College this year.

The prestigious Academic Excellence Award will be handed out on Saturday during the institution's commencement exercises at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

The top awardees of the Class of 2013 are Jeong Hyun Kwon for the bachelor's degree level and Anne Julia P. Padilla, Olivia Espeleta Leung, Hyo Jeong Kim, and Carina Suu Lan Train for the associate degree level.

The Academic Excellence Awards are given to students who accumulate the highest grade point average in their class category.

NMC traditionally hands out just two Academic Excellence Awards: one to a

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Docomo: No positions at MCV will be eliminated

Docomo Pacific completed its $129.8-million acquisition of MCV Broadband last Wednesday and the telecommunication company assured employees of the cable firm that no position will be eliminated as a result of the merger.

James Nelson, Docomo Pacific Saipan general manager, said negotiations took several months before Japan-based NTT Docomo finally received approval from federal regulators to push through with the deal.

He confirmed that Docomo Pacific's purchase of MCV Broadband will not result in the elimination of jobs at the cable company.

"There will be some organizational changes to efficiently integrate the dual teams. However, no positions will be eliminated as a result of the merger."

MCV Broadband is a supplier of cable television, telephony, and high speed Internet services in Commonwealth and Guam. Before Docomo Pacific's acquisition it was owned by private equity firm Seaport Capital.

Moreover, Nelson said Docomo Pacific's initial and long-term plan is to combine both companies' resources and services in order to effectively develop new programs and services to benefit the consumers of both the CNMI and Guam.

"Docomo Pacific and MCV are currently integrating and aligning their services to assess market conditions and needs. New services will be announced in the near future," he added.

Asked specifically if Docomo Pacific has plans to simultaneously air on Saipan television and cable programs shown in the mainland, Nelson said: "At this point, programming will remain status quo. It is cost-prohibitive to provide 'same time' airing of TV and cable shows due to the extremely high cost of bandwidth between Saipan and Guam."

He, however, assured MCV Broadband customers on Saipan that Docomo Pacific will do all it can to improve cable TV programming "as it is one of our priorities."

Meanwhile, the fate of the MCV Broadband name is more certain as Nelson said that Docomo Pacific will eventually phase out the brand.

"In the near future, MCV will be fully integrated with Docomo Pacific. At that time, the MCV brand will be phased out and both companies will operate under Docomo Pacific."

Nelson also said that plans are afoot for Docomo Pacific bundling its services with that of MCV Broadband's in the near future.

Docomo Pacific is a wholly owned subsidiary of Japan telecommunications giant, NTT Docomo.

In an advertisement published in local newspapers on Wednesday, Docomo Pacific president and CEO Jay R. Shedd announced the merger of the two companies.

"With Docomo Pacific and MCV Broadband's combined experiences, resources, and expertise, you will be able to take advantage of the region's leading providers of mobile telecommunications services, television, Internet, and home phone services. All this and much more will soon be available to you at any of our convenient locations," he wrote to customers.

Shedd added that Docomo Pacific's core commitment remains the same, which is to provide the CNMI and Guam with the best selection of services and products, superb value, and excellent customer service.

"We will also continue to provide world-class innovations to ensure that our customers enjoy a full range of truly exciting possibilities," he said. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

DPS goes hi-tech, buys $600K fire rescue boat

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Outside of Hawaii, the CNMI's Department of Public Safety now holds the distinction of having the only fire rescue boat in the entire Pacific Region, after the purchase of such a boat worth over $600,000.

The fire rescue boat arrived in the CNMI last week. It was funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security under the Port Security Grant program, with help from the U.S. Coast Guard.

Custom-built for DPS Fire and the CNMI, the 35-foot National Fire Protection Association-compliant multi-mission work boat will be officially unveiled and launched today, Friday, at 1:30pm at the DPS Boating Safety Unit parking area at Smiling Cove Marina.

DPS spokesman Sgt. Thomas A. Blas Jr. told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the boat, equipped with two 300-horsepower Yamaha outboard engines, was purchased in late 2012 and was built after a six-month period.

Blas refused to comment if this is the same boat that then DPS deputy commissioner Ambrosio Ogumoro reportedly inspected in Canada early this year.

Blas said the boat's primary function is to mitigate chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive threats in seaports, focusing on priority areas.

"It will be involved in port security missions, and has the capabilities to detect hazardous materials," Blas said.

The boat, he said, is fully equipped to suppress boat and marina fires, assist stranded boaters, and may be used for search and rescue operations.

The DPS spokesman said the boat will be fully equipped with medical supplies and will have certified emergency medical technicians on board to provide medical care to injured and stranded swimmers during search and rescue operations.

Primarily serving Saipan, Blas said the multi-mission boat will also cover Tinian, Rota, and Pagan.

One charge vs Sen. Ayuyu dismissed

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona granted yesterday the U.S. government's motion to drop one charge in the fruit bat case filed against Sen. Juan M. Ayuyu (Ind-Rota).

Manglona dismissed count three of the indictment and struck two paragraphs in the fruit bat indictment. Count 3 refers to violating the Lacey Act.

Ayuyu did not oppose the U.S. government's motion.

"[W]here an indictment charges several offenses, or the commission of one offense in several ways, the withdrawal from the jury's consideration of one offense or one alleged method of committing it does not constitute a forbidden amendment of the indictment," Manglona said, citing precedent.

Assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe asked for the dismissal of count 3 of the indictment in order to streamline the case as well as its opening and closing arguments.

The U.S. government originally charged the senator with one count of conspiring to violate the Endangered Species and Lacey Acts, one count of violating the Endangered Species Act, and one count of violating the Lacey Act.

Ayuyu's second criminal case involves alleged obstruction of justice, while he is charged in the third case of possessing a cellphone while in detention.

The indictment alleged that on Oct. 17, 2010, Ayuyu and Ryan Manglona conspired to hide eight dead Mariana fruit bats (*Pteropus mariannus mariannus*) beneath 40 lbs of lemons inside a cardboard box in order to transport them from Rota to Saipan on a Freedom Air flight.

Pteropus mariannus mariannus is a bat subspecies protected by federal law.

Ayuyu, 48, has been in detention since Dec. 17, 2012. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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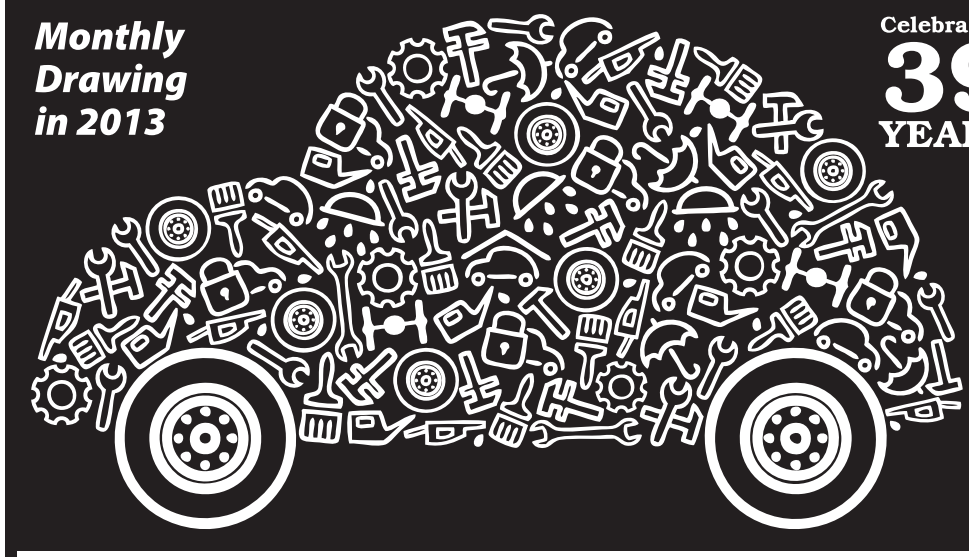
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Leau is named essential witness in sex trafficking case

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A former school principal and associate commissioner of the Public School System has been dragged into a sex trafficking case after one of the alleged victims tagged him as one of her customers.

Based on the alleged victim's testimony and court documents, the customer—described by the witness as "very rough and brutal" in having sex with her— was Peter Leau, who also used to serve as principal of the Saipan Southern High School.

The alleged victim on Wednesday testified in the ongoing jury trial of karaoke operator Chang Ru Meng Bachman that she was allegedly forced to have sex with Peter (Leau) three to four times in one night at his house.

Defense counsel Victorino Torres cross-examined the alleged victim yesterday. The examination is expected to continue this morning, Friday.

U.S. Attorney Alicia A.G. Limtiaco named Leau as an essential witness in the case.

The prosecution has asked the court to allow Leau to testify either in person or via video teleconference.

Leau reportedly retired from PSS due to medical reasons. He now lives in La Palma, California.

According to court papers, in at least one of the interviews conducted by law enforcement on Sept. 17, 2012, and on Nov. 28, 2012, Leau indicated that he suffered a stroke in 2010. However, he did not indicate that he will be unable to travel to Saipan to testify.

On Monday, the prosecution requested U.S. District Court for the NMI chief judge Ramona V. Manglona to issue a final ruling on their motion to declare Leau as unavailable, and instead use Leau's deposition.

Manglona reviewed the supplemental information as another medical condition was added as to why Leau is unable to travel from California to Saipan.

The judge granted the prosecution's motion.

Swim around Managaha on June 15

The Marianas Visitors Authority is inviting all swimmers and snorkelers to discover the underwater wonders of Managaha with a course around the island on June 15, 2013.

For 10 consecutive years Managaha has been named "Best Beach and Snorkeling" at Japan's annual Marine Diving Fair, and local swimmers are invited to join visiting competitors in exploring the underwater beauty of the island during 5th Annual Saipan International Open Water Flipper Tournament in mid-June.

"Once again we are hosting the annual flipper race, and on June 15 we are inviting all snorkelers to see for themselves why Managaha has won so many awards," said MVA community projects manager Martin Duenas. "The marine life is absolutely stunning, and the flipper tournament allows snorkelers to safely swim a course around the island under the watchful eye of volunteers who will help ensure their safety. Last year we had competitors aging from ages 8 to 68, so the flipper tournament is a nice event for all ages."

The 5th Annual Saipan International Open Water Flipper Race Tournament will be held at Managaha in the Northern Mariana Islands on June 15, 2013.

Managaha is the most popular site for visitors to Saipan. The race featured a 1.5 km swim around the island. Thirty participants joined the annual signature event of the MVA last year.

This unique race requires swimmers to use wetsuits and fins. Snorkels and life jackets are also allowed. Competition age divisions are: 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, and 60-and-up. Those age 18 and under will be entered into the Junior Division.

Ferries will depart Smiling Cove Marina to Managaha promptly at 4:45am the morning of the race. The race will begin at 6:30am, followed by an island-style breakfast and awards ceremony on the white sand beaches of Managaha.

The cost is $25 for Northern Mariana Is. Residents with valid I.D. The deadline to register with the MVA is June 14, 2013, from 4:30pm to 5:30 p.m. during the orientation at the Micro Beach pavilion on Saipan. Participants must be in good health with snorkeling or diving experience.

The event is also sponsored by the Community Sports Center Foundation of Japan. For more information or to register, contact the MVA at 1.670.664.3210, or visit the Events Calendar at www.mymarianas.com. ***(MVA)***

Senate OKs 5 House bills now up for governor's action

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The Senate passed yesterday five House bills by a vote of 8-0 each, including a compromise measure amending the civil service law for the continued employment of dozens of government employees with "special and unique" skills.

The five bills are now up for governor's action.

Senators also adopted six resolutions, including one that seeks the reinstatement of JG Sablan Rock Quarry Inc.'s pozzolan commercial mining permit for Pagan. ***See story on Page 7.***

The bills passed included Rep. Teresita Santos' (R-Rota) House Bill 18-35, which establishes satellite veterans cemeteries on Rota and Tinian.

This will allow the CNMI Veterans Affairs Office to apply for a tribal cemetery grant to make the proposal a reality.

Senators also passed House floor leader Ralph Demapan's (Cov-Saipan) HB 18-9, allowing the use of developer infrastructure tax also for the construction and repair of government buildings and structures.

Rep. Trenton Conner's (Ind-Tinian) HB 18-17 also got the Senate's nod, which could pave the way for the renovations and repaid of dilapidated and abandoned municipal government buildings on Tinian using a $1 million appropriation.

» 6 resolutions adopted

The bill made changes to the original appropriations bill to also allow the purchase of equipment to complete the projects.

Senators also passed Rep. Tony Sablan's (IR-Saipan) HB 18-21, providing tax credit for businesses hiring U.S. citizen workers.

If the bill becomes law, qualified employers could avail of a nonrefundable tax credit of $1,500 per worker against tax imposed on CNMI-sourced income. The proposed tax credit expires on Dec. 31, 2015.

The Senate also passed a compromise version of Senate Bill 18-18 Senate Substitute 1, House Draft 1 that a joint House and Senate committee worked on.

Once signed into law, the bill amends Public Law 17-80 to address its unintended consequence on the government employment of dozens of individuals with "special and unique" skills and expertise.

The bill went through lengthy deliberations to ensure that reenacting the "special and unique" provision won't bring back the past hiring abuses that PL 17-80 intended to eliminate.

The senators also adopted six resolutions, including Senate Resolution 18-14, urging the reinstatement of JG Sablan Rock Quarry Inc.'s permit to mine pozzolan on Pagan.

They also adopted SR 18-15, asking the U.S. government to consider including the CNMI in radiation exposure studies and compensation.

The other four resolutions honor outstanding individuals.

Senate Commemorative Resolution 18-4 commends Florentina Agustin for her commitment to serving the CNMI military veterans during her tenure as senior veterans representative under the Guam Veterans Benefits Administration.

The Senate also adopted SR 18-11, commending active U.S. Army Col. Harry Camacho Blanco for his promotion, making him the highest ranking U.S. military officer from the CNMI.

Senators also adopted SR 18-12, commending Lt. Col. Gregorio Vicente Muna Sablan Jr. for his military achievements and contributions to the CNMI.

The Senate also adopted SR 18-13, recognizing Alexander "Colonel" P. Sablan for his "commitment to composing and producing great Chamorro music and other genres that will always be remembered in the history of the CNMI and cultural artists."

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the state Mathcourt contest on island, competed at the ARML contest on May 17 at the Kansas City North Community Center in Kansas City, Missouri. The team arrived Sunday night.

According to Dora Miura, the PSS Mathcourt coordinator for the secondary level, the team garnered four awards: Won Woo Choi won third place in the 10th grade category; Kanata Omori was 10th placer in the 11th grade category; Ji Hoon Choi placed ninth in the 12th grade category; and the group itself won 10th place in the overall team category.

The team competed in the relay, team, and power rounds. Individually, each team member also went through the spring, target, and individual rounds.

Miura said that 32 teams competed and over a hundred students took part in the league championship.

The American Regions Mathematics League's annual competition brings together the nation's finest students. They meet, compete against, and socialize with one another, forming friendships and sharpening their mathematical skills. It started in 1976 for the purpose of providing a national competition for the brightest mathematical minds in the nation's high schools.

The CNMI sent its first state team to the competition in 2010.

To determine the members of the CNMI Team, PSS conducts Mathcourt competitions every year, a series of meets that occur throughout the school year. At each meet, tests measure the mathematical achievement of students at every grade level and award those students showing the highest levels of mastery at each level. This program has the following divisions: K-5; 6-8; and 9-12 divisions.

KWON

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student graduating with an associate degree and another to one graduating with a bachelor's degree. This year, there was a four-way tie at the associate degree level.

Kwon, who will be graduating with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, cited the support she received from the college in fulfilling her dream to become an educator.

"Without the NMC School of Education's arduous academic environment, my family's unconditional support, and the Lord's irresistible grace, I would have not finished this race. I thank all of them," said Kwon.

The four awardees at the associate degree level were no less grateful.

"I'd like to thank everyone who helped me aspire toward this completion. They particularly are my mom, my friends, and my leaders at work. To my fellow graduates, set the bar for yourself high, high enough that you can't believe you did it," said Padilla, who earned an associate degree in business.

Leung, who is graduating from the liberal arts program, said: "I never once set out to receive this award and it still feels kind of foreign to me, but I'm learning to embrace my accomplishments instead of looking at it as something to impress anyone but myself."

Kim, a nursing graduate, believes that the honor is a great achievement and recognized those who helped and support him throughout.

Train, for her part, thanked her family and friends for the guidance and support they gave her throughout her educational journey.

"I am appreciative of all the support I have received throughout the years from my family and friends. My journey has just begun and the opportunities are endless!" said Train, who is also this year's recipient of the Leadership Award. Train is also from the nursing program.

All five awardees are expected to give brief remarks at NMC's graduation ceremonies tomorrow.

NMC president Sharon Y. Hart, Ph.D., said she is extremely proud of this year's top graduates.

"We are extremely proud of the hardworking recipients of the Academic Excellence Awards and commend them and all NMC graduates for their commitment to their studies. Their drive and ambition serve as inspiration for other students here at the college," said Hart.

RFP

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the project.

The San Antonio lot was earlier leased to KSA Corp. for a planned hotel with villas and condotels. The project also didn't materialize, resulting in DPL terminating the lease with KSA Corp. in June 2008.

Any lease of public land consisting of more than 5 hectares requires the Legislature's approval.

Questions regarding the project are supposed to be received by close of business on June 28.

The deadline for submission of proposals is July 10 at 2pm.

Tenorio said the scope of work, proposal instructions, maps, and other documents may be picked up at the DPL office in Dandan or may be requested via mail. The application fee is $3,500.

By soliciting proposals, DPL hopes to not only weed out fly-by-night investors that hold up public lands that could have been developed by other investors, but also to get the best offer among competing and legitimate investors.

The department has seen anywhere between $30 million and $1 billion in proposed hotel resort development on public lands, only for these plans to fizzle out when investors fail to secure financing, fail to pay their land leases to the department, and then abandon the whole project.

House panel weighs Medical Referral's $5.5M request

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The House Ways and Means Committee is weighing the Medical Referral Office's request yesterday to give the program at least $5.5 million in the fiscal year 2014 budget.

» Plus $800K to settle GMH outstanding accounts

The Medical Referral Office is separately asking for $800,000 to settle the office's outstanding accounts with the Guam Memorial Hospital, so that the hospital can once again accept Medicaid patients from the CNMI.

Ron Sablan, Medical Referral Office director, said his office initially asked for an $8.1 million budget from the governor, but Gov. Eloy S. Inos's budget submission to the Legislature reflected a $3.7 million funding for the office. The office is asking for at least $1.8 more for a total of $5.5 million at least.

"But the good thing is that the governor is flexible in reprogramming funds for the medical referral program. But as for the budget, we will be comfortable with $5.5 million, assuming that patients' medical conditions stabilize," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* after testifying at the committee hearing yesterday.

Vicky Villagomez, the governor's adviser for management and budget, also testified before committee members led by chair Rep. Tony Sablan (IR-Saipan).

Ron Sablan said that most of the outstanding obligations with GMH were incurred prior to fiscal year 2007.

Right now, GMH does not accept Medicaid patients from the CNMI but Sablan is hoping that this would change once the $800,000 outstanding debts are paid off.

Rep. Tony Sablan said his committee is weighing the budget request but it would be difficult to guarantee the amount, given that other programs are competing for a share of the proposed 2014 budget of $123.4 million.

"It's hard to project medical costs," he told reporters.

But he said it's good that the Medical Referral Office is now under the Office of the Governor, which has the authority to reprogram funds for the program.

Sablan also hopes that the administration will initiate discussions with GMH to settle the Medical Referral Office's outstanding obligations.

In April, Ron Sablan said the Medical Referral Office asks for $8 million to $9 million year after year but ends up getting only $2 million to $3 million.

The House Ways and Means Committee began yesterday its 2014 budget hearings.

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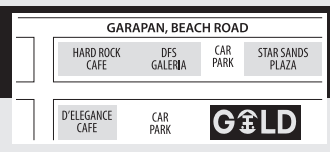

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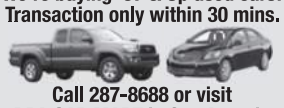

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Task Force Guam honors fallen soldiers in ceremony

By CAPT. GORDON GUERRERO
TASK FORCE GUAM

On a crisp, spring morning, in the capital city of Kabul, Afghanistan, warriors far from home came to a solemn pause to reminisce and honor the lives of fellow fallen warriors.

Task Force Guam soldiers remembered their fellow fallen soldiers during a memorial ceremony at Camp Eggers, in Kabul on Wednesday, May 22, 2013.

The ceremony was attended by more than 500 fellow soldiers, contractors, and friends of the two Task Force Guam soldiers and four civilian contractors who died in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan on May 16, 2013. Early that morning, a suicide bomber crashed into the lead vehicle of the Coalition Force convoy.

The Guam soldiers honored during the ceremony were Sgt. Eugene M. Aguon and SPC Dwayne W. Flores, along with the four civilian contractors, all of whom were military veterans.

LTC Michael Tougher, battalion commander of the 1st Battalion, 294th Infantry Regiment, Task Force Guam, shared his memories of the fallen soldiers in his remarks during the ceremony.

CPT GORDON GUERRERO

Task Force Guam soldiers salute their fallen fellow warriors and American contractors during a memorial ceremony in Kabul, Afghanistan on Wednesday, May 25, 2013.

"Today we mourn the loss of two exceptional soldiers. Task Force Guam is blessed with great soldiers. Our soldiers possess the right attitude, proper military bearing, and a great deal of pride. Dwayne Flores and Eugene Aguon were two of our best," Tougher said.

"SGT Aguon and SPC Flores became the epitome of a well-disciplined, formidable, technically and tactically trained force," added Echo Company commander 1LT Joey San Nicolas about the two soldiers under his charge.

SPC Brian Muña and PFC Brandy Martinez both gave personal accounts of their friendships with Aguon and Flores. "I will always remember him as Rambo, a great NCO, a great friend and a great mentor," said Muña about Aguon.

Martinez commented that Flores loved what he was doing. " I kept telling Dwayne that we'll be pulling him back into the office…but he would just say, no, no, no…just leave me where I'm at!"

While the flags of coalition nations flew over the NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan courtyard where the ceremony was held, the somber presence of two battle crosses and portraits of each of the fallen soldiers mandated a quiet presence in the midst of the usually bustling compound.

Afghanistan, a country weary and torn by years of endless battles, reflects a difficult way of life for most Afghans. However, in the middle of all this turmoil, a rose bush on the edge of the courtyard with fresh petals springing out of their buds seems to symbolize a hope that even in the dreariest of situations, there is an eventual reward and beauty for the hard work that is being cultivated in this country.

The wish expressed by all personnel in attendance is, that the efforts and lives of their fallen comrades, bring forth the hope and promise of a better future for the people of Afghanistan.

Man gets 6 mos. for threatening girlfriend

A man who threatened to cut his girlfriend's dress with a knife while she was wearing it was sentenced Wednesday to the maximum sentence of six months in prison.

Joseph Taga, 33, was given credit for time served. He will serve his sentence without the possibility of parole. He was immediately taken into custody to start serving his sentence.

Taga pleaded guilty to disturbing the peace and assault as part of a plea deal. The remaining charges were dismissed.

Taga, through counsel assistant public defender Benjamin Petersburg, asked to be allowed to spend a few days with his family before serving his sentence.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho denied the request.

According to the court records, Taga, while holding a knife in one hand and the victim in the other hand, threatened to cut the shirt she was wearing at the time.

"The court views this action as a way for the defendant to hurt the victim's self-esteem and cause her emotional harm," Camacho said. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Pagan pozzolan mining permit reinstatement under review

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With millions worth of pozzolan on Pagan that could be forever lost once the U.S. military uses the island for live-fire training, the Senate asked Gov. Eloy S. Inos and the Department of Public Lands yesterday to reinstate JG Sablan Rock Quarry Inc.'s pozzolan commercial mining permit on Pagan.

» House panel poised to ask for full House vote on Saipan casino bill

DPL acting secretary Pete A. Tenorio and the Inos administration separately told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday they will review the Senate's request.

Pozzolan, volcanic ash spewed on Pagan, is used as an additive to make cement.

Senators said that by allowing JG Sablan to mine pozzolan on Pagan, the government could generate millions of revenue that could prolong the NMI Retirement Fund's lifespan beyond March 2014, fund public health, education and public safety programs, and help build infrastructure in the Northern Islands.

Senators said that JG Sablan Rock Quarry Inc., which is ready to proceed with pozzolan mining on Pagan, claims to have an investor who is prepared to finance the project if DPL reinstates its mining permit.

Sen. Pete Reyes (IR-Saipan), meanwhile, expressed frustration with the slow action on revenue-generating bills that could save the Fund and other programs, including a tax amnesty bill and online gaming measure that the House passed.

He said the Senate has been acting on "non-urgent bills; why can't we act on urgently needed bills?"

With the imminent demise of the Retirement Fund, Reyes said that lawmakers should think twice about not passing major revenue generating bills such as a House bill allowing casino gaming on Saipan.

He reiterated that they cannot continue to be a "crisis Legislature" that acts only when the crisis is imminent.

The Saipan casino bill is still with the House Committee on Commerce for review.

Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), committee chairman, said the panel is most likely going to recommend full House action on the casino bill.

Pozzolan mining vs Saipan casino

Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), the initial author of the Pagan pozzolan mining resolution, said that allowing mining of pozzolan, which is readily available, would also generate tons of revenue for the government.

Torres said he would like any Saipan casino bill to be placed on the ballot for voters' ratification.

The Senate president added that revenue-generating bills from the House are mostly referred to the Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee, chaired by Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota), for review.

"It doesn't mean that when the House supports something as a revenue generating bill, that it is automatically supported by the Senate. I ask that we give the same mutual respect. The House handled it, now it's in the Senate, we will take care of it. We address it as we move forward," he said after the session.

At yesterday's session, the full Senate authored the pozzolan mining permit resolution.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said the governor supports the issue of mining pozzolan on Pagan.

"However, given that this resolution was just passed and has not reached the governor, the administration will have to discuss this with DPL further. Moving forward, the administration hopes to reap the greatest degree of benefit for the Commonwealth in any future engagements on the matter of pozzolan mining," he said.

Pozzolan

JG Sablan Rock Quarry Inc. was the holder of a commercial mining permit issued on Sept. 8, 1995, by the Marianas Public Land Corp., now DPL. That permit was for the mining and extraction of pozzolan on Pagan.

DPL terminated the commercial mining permit on May 3, 2006. After six years of litigation, the CNMI Supreme Court upheld on March 30, 2012, the termination of JG Sablan's mining permit.

Acting DPL secretary Pete A. Tenorio, in a phone interview yesterday, said DPL will look at the Senate resolution, acknowledging that the government needs all the revenues it can get to fund its programs.

Support

"Notwithstanding the court's decision, the majority of the residents of the Northern Islands, and all surviving former mayors and the current mayor of the Northern Islands Municipality support and urge the CNMI government to support the commercial mining permit for the mining of pozzolan and to assist in the speedy implementation of mining operations," the Senate said in its resolution.

The Senate also cited the resolutions of support to the mining permit passed by the Northern Islands Municipal Council in March 2006, the House of Representatives in February 2006, and the Senate in April 2006.

"Now is the time for the CNMI government to take control of its economic turmoil and take the steps necessary to bring the CNMI back to prosperous economic times," the senators said.

They pointed out that Pagan has pozzolan "that could be mined, quarried and extracted for commercial purposes that would generate immediate revenue for the CNMI government and could potentially provide substantial revenue needed to develop the necessary infrastructure on the Northern Islands."

In 2007, a mining expert working for DPL said only about 12 million metric tons of pozzolan remain available on Pagan.

This estimate is much lower than previous estimates regarding the quantity of pozzolan on Pagan, which ranged between 32 million and 200 million metric tons.

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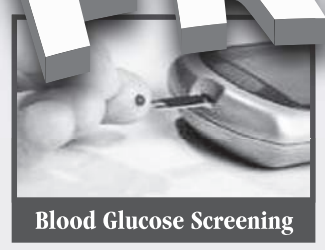
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Guevarra takes bartenders' cocktail contest

Ronnie Guevarra of Coral Ocean Point Resort served up the best drink, dubbed "Cool Summer Mojito," to win the Bartender's Cocktail Competition on May 18 at the 15th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden at American Memorial Park.

Guevarra bested six other bartenders to waltz away $150 richer and with other in-kinds prizes for his efforts. He was followed by first runner-up Alvin Palma of Saipan World Resort, second runner-up Jay Santos of Zebra Bar, and third runner-up Rizalina Elchico with Hyatt Regency Saipan.

Judges for the competition were Annamae Adaza (president, United Filipino Organization), Socorro Huliganga (assistant F&B manager, Fiesta Resort & Spa), Elvira Yagi (owner, Yuchiro's Printing), and William Retardo (executive chef, Mariana Resort & Spa).

Tomorrow, May 25, from 6pm to 11pm marks the final night of the annual celebration in honor of May Tourism Month. The night's entertainment lineup includes FBI (6pm), Uncle Ben's Music and Dance (7pm), MHS Poksai INATUA (7:30pm), Alana Ia (8:30pm), Kagman High School (9:30pm), Alan School of Dance (10pm), and M21 Band (11:30pm.)

» 'Taste' extended to 11pm on May 25

The highly anticipated Chefs Competition kicks off this Saturday at 7pm, with chefs from participating island hotels serving up their best dishes incorporating a pre-selected cut of Certified Angus Beef and local ingredients. Last year's champion was Mariana Resort's executive chef William Retardo.

"We're looking forward to another strong turnout on the event on the final night of Taste," said Marianas Visitors Authority community projects manager Martin Duenas. "Not only are the regular vendors serving up delicious choices at very affordable prices, but the chefs always put a lot of time into their dishes and décor with the Chefs Competition. We invite everyone to come down and enjoy the evening with us. "

The festival offers international cuisine at affordable prices by 16 hotels and restaurant vendors, non-stop live entertainment on the main stage, nightly contests on the secondary stage, and arts and crafts sales.

Dinner and dessert choices will be offered Saturday by Fiesta Resort & Spa, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Canton Restaurant, Furusato Restaurant, Sierra Pearl Shakes, Capricciosa/Tony Roma's, D'Elegance Café, Herman's Modern Bakery, Hula Girl/3's, Thai House Restaurant, Poon's Restaurant, Tropical Chill, Coral Ocean Point Resort, Mariana Resort & Spa, and Saipan World Resort. ***(MVA)***

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This highly anticipated weekly celebration will be held every Saturday in May at American Memorial Park from 6-10 p.m. The event will feature delicious local and international cuisine sold by 16 hotel and local restaurants. Enjoy the talent of local and international performers with live entertainment all evening. The event will feature nightly competitions, as well as trivia questions aimed at promoting tourism awareness.
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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

May 24, 2004

'Wage bill may lead to takeover try'

Any attempt to increase the CNMI minimum wage level-may it be local or federal-would spell economic disaster to the already eroding economy of the Northern Marianas. In fact, to tamper with the existing minimum wage law is an attempt to tinker with the U.S.-CNMI Covenant and could open the floodgates for another attempt by the federal government to take over control of immigration in the Commonwealth. House Speaker Benigno R. Fitial stressed this yesterday, saying that S. 2370 as introduced by U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy and H.R. 4256 as introduced by U.S. Rep. George Miller would have a damaging impact on the CNMI economy, just when the apparel industry is on the verge of collapse. Both measures seek to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the federal minimum wage.

CNMI's homeland security plan OK'd

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security approved on May 7 the CNMI's Homeland Security Plan, paving the way for the release of $5.8 million that would be used to strengthen the Northern Marianas' security measures. Emergency Management Office director Rudy Pua disclosed Sunday that the approval letter from the Office of Domestic Preparedness informing the CNMI government of its approval was received Friday. Pua said the decision came out on May 7 but official notification was received only last week. With the approval, the CNMI is poised to receive the ODP's funding allocation for fiscal year 2004 amounting to $5.8 million. The funding assistance comes every two years, he added.

May 24, 2005

'DOI to help protect islands on tax law'

The U.S. Department of the Interior is working closely with the U.S. Treasury to ensure that insular areas like the CNMI are not adversely affected by a newly passed federal tax law, according to deputy secretary-designee P. Lynn Scarlett. Scarlett, during her recent visit to Saipan, acknowledged that the newly enacted U.S. Job Creation Act has changed the definitions of certain terms such as residency, which could potentially impact the insular areas. "We understand the concerns not only of the CNMI but also other areas like [the U.S.] Virgin Islands, which has benefited from previous residency definitions," said Scarlett.

'Amount of cover over tax not yet determined'

While the CNMI claims that it is owed over $100 million in cover over tax since 2002, the federal government has not yet established enough grounds to make an estimate of the claim. Both Interior deputy secretary-designee P. Lynn Scarlett and Insular Affairs deputy assistant secretary David B. Cohen said that the U.S. Treasury has yet to come up with its own figure. "It is my understanding that the Treasury Department is essentially working with the CNMI to present paper work and documentation so that they can determine exactly what amount is owed," said Scarlett.

May 24, 2006

'Submerged lands vital to the CNMI's survival'

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial is insisting on nine miles of submerged lands for the CNMI instead of the three miles usually granted to U.S. territories, saying this is necessary for the economic survival of the CNMI. Fitial told reporters yesterday that the undersea lands of the CNMI is rich in minerals such as silver and zinc and these could be mined or extracted, to benefit the Commonwealth. However, these minerals could only be found beyond the three-mile limit, he said, hence his insistence on the CNMI gaining control of these lands. This comes in the wake of reports quoting Deputy Assistant Interior Secretary David Cohen as saying that the Bush administration will only support the CNMI's claim over submerged lands extending no more than three miles offshore.

$74K for CNMI's hazard mitigation program

The CNMI has received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency the latest estimate for its Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, currently set at $74,397, according to Governor's Authorized Representative Virginia C. Villagomez. In line with this, Villagomez has asked government agencies to submit a proposed listing of projects for this particular program. "All project applications will be considered and reviewed properly.

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Life and death in Tornado Alley

As good news goes, this would have to do: First thing Tuesday, the medical examiner in Moore, Okla., announced that the death toll had gone down overnight.

At day's end Monday, the number killed by a massive tornado was reported to be at least 51, with more expected as rescue workers dug through the wreckage. That was more than twice the number later confirmed dead. A spokeswoman for the examiner's office blamed it on "chaos."

Chaos indeed. The twister, more than a mile wide, swept east across town from west to east, hugging the ground for 40 minutes. The National Weather Service on Tuesday upgraded the tornado to an EF5 rating, meaning it had winds greater than 200 mph for at least part of that time.

There were reports of debris landing in Tulsa, Okla., 100 miles away, and Branson, Mo., 250 miles away.

Images of the aftermath: Entire neighborhoods leveled. Piles of overturned cars, like something you'd see on the floor of a 5-year-old's bedroom. A roof lifted intact from one house and deposited in the front yard of another. A hospital missing its second floor. A bowling alley flattened. Two elementary schools, a little more than a mile apart, reduced to rubble and splinters.

At Briarwood Elementary, 70 youngsters huddled in the girls bathroom as the walls crumbled around them. All survived. At Plaza Towers Elementary, children sought shelter in the basement, where seven of them drowned.

Heartbreak and devastation are all too familiar to Moore. The town is situated near the center of "Tornado Alley," which stretches roughly from Texas to South Dakota, between the Rocky Mountains and the Appalachians.

The region is vulnerable to tornadoes because of frequent collisions of warm, dry air from the Southwest; cool, dry air from the Rockies; and warm, moist air from the Gulf of Mexico.

But twisters seem almost magnetically drawn to Moore. In 1999, an EF5 tornado barreled through at 302 mph, the highest winds ever recorded near the Earth's surface, according to the National Weather Service. That one killed 36 people.

In between, the town was rocked by smaller twisters in 2003 and 2010.

Moore can't even count on the law of averages for protection: Only 0.1 percent of tornadoes are rated EF5.

So kids there get used to tornado drills. Adults get used to rebuilding. Because there is no place on Earth that is safe from Mother Nature, and if there was, we still wouldn't be safe from manmade disasters. Just ask the people who lived near the West, Texas, fertilizer plant or the residents of Boston.

On Tuesday, as rescue workers continued to look for the missing and relief efforts got underway from near and far, the residents of Moore talked about resilience, about having been through all of this before.

They shared stories of heroic teachers, shielding children with their bodies; of white-knuckle survival, cowering in bathtubs and closets; of dramatic rescues, including one woman who phoned for help from beneath a pile of aluminum and lumber. A sense of weary familiarity pervaded it all. But those stories were laced with hope.

Senior citizen Barbara Garcia's happy reunion with her miniature schnauzer provided an uplifting break from the otherwise grim narrative, but it didn't start out that way. Standing in front

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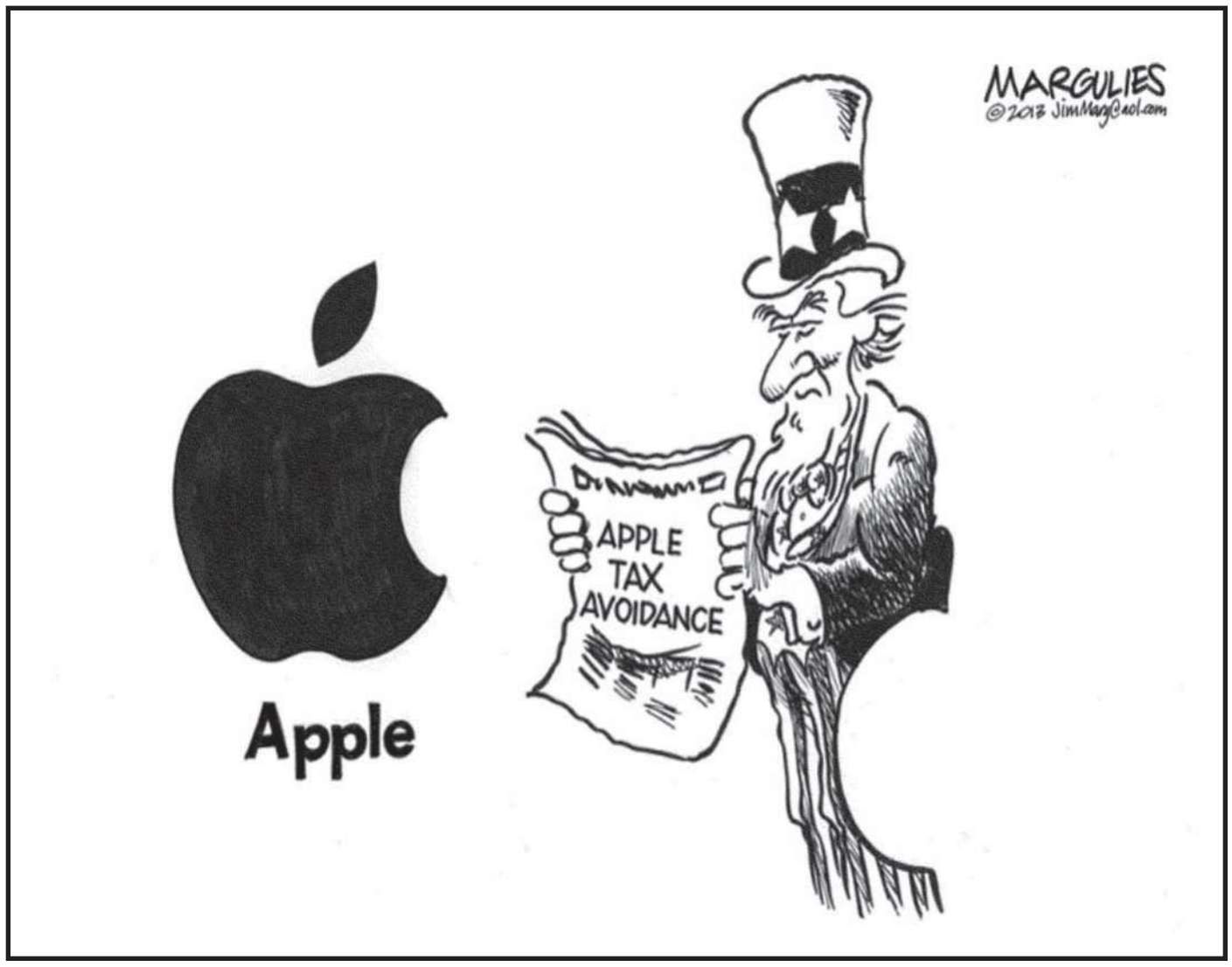
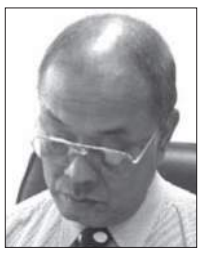


Overview: Economic annihilation

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune *and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.*



There were major policy issues that contributed to the eventual annihilation of the CNMI economy. It started with the permanent shutdown of the apparel industry, federal policy on immigration/minimum wage; the exit of major foreign capital or investments; and shortsighted policies that are regressive at best.

The closure of the apparel industry drained local coffers of about $1.2 billion annually. The imposition of federal immigration triggered nothing but uncertainty in investments. The departure of a significant amount of foreign capital from the Land of the Rising Sun plus shortsighted local policies did the finishing job.

Nothing was done to ease the exodus of foreign capital. In fact, the Fitial/Inos administration worked the clock to "cherry pick" investors with qualifying certificates. This ill-fated decision came under critical scrutiny by investors from nearby Japan. They felt ignored and unappreciated for all their pioneering efforts in the late '60s. It further drained foreign capital from the CNMI.

Remember the visit of Japan's emperor? Why do you think he visited the island? Was it just to shower himself with sunshine and wet his feet on our white sandy beaches? Did anyone understand the real purpose of his visit? What if I were to assert that he came to close the books of his countrymen's investments on the islands?

There are issues that appear strictly local in nature that feeds upon our teeny nimble minds. Little do we know that it has geopolitical implications where leaders of nations decide where they invest their lifetime saving. It requires some understanding and finesse all the way around.

Today, we're caught flatfooted, singing "Where have all the flowers gone?" Days of opulence of the late '80s have faded like morning dew. Over the last seven years, the NMI has had to endure zero growth and it remains the basic posture today. Would the elected elite find the enthusiasm, sense of humility, and confidence to move the deepening economic misery to the promised land of "better times" or do we swallow the bitter pill of "let it be" while hoping for miracles?

It's all a woefully dizzying experience and one quizzes why the abundance of followership rather than leadership at a very unusual time. Is there a silent agenda of complicity in mediocrity? Where is our canoe headed amidst a fatal storm that continues to blow everything into the deep blue of the Philippine Sea?

Would casino gambling be the savior to turn economic miseries to "better times?" Why are we stuck in the filthy swamp of Plan A, casino; Plan B, casino; Plan C, casino! Is it the obvious plan of the less than percipient men of wisdom on the hill boasting casual attitude while the deepening miseries at home torch every household?

Someone once said that the future is now! Is it? And is this it? Hello?

Obamacare defined

Simple and basically casual our attitude may be on federal laws and tons of accompanying regulations, we quietly embrace *mañana* even on a major federal healthcare policy known nationally as Obamacare.

Next week, the U.S. House of Representatives is scheduled to vote and repeal the entire Obamacare package. It's a good move given the scandals that came to light over the last week, scaffolding why Congress must boldly repeal the law.

Internal Revenue Service finally disclosed that it had spent years targeting conservative groups delaying their applications for nonprofit status and giving those applications additional scrutiny—solely because of those group's political beliefs, according to Jim DeMint, president of the Heritage Foundation.

He said the *Washington Post* revealed that Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelllius personally asked health industry groups to contribute to Enroll America, a pro-Obamacare front group working to "educate" the public about the law's supposed benefits.

"While we don't yet know all the details about these scandals, we do know that the IRS grossly abused its power at a time when Obamacare grants it massive new authority. The Treasury Department's Inspector General has said Obamacare represents 'the largest set of tax law changes in 20 years,' with at least 42 provisions adding to or amending the tax code."

He said that Obamacare taxes most people with health insurance, and most people without health insurance, and most employers who don't provide health insurance.

DeMint pointed out a 2010 Congressional Research Service that exposed the number of new bureaucracies that remain unknowable. "Little wonder that Vice President Biden boasted shortly before the law was passed, 'we're going to control the insurance companies.'"

Declared DeMint, "That's what Obamacare is about. It's not about healthcare. It's about government control and power. And the record of this administration shows its willingness to use this power in arbitrary and harmful ways."

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Got 10 minutes? How about $30,303?

By ED STEPHENS
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Visit Ed at EdStephensJr.com. His column runs every Friday.

On the heels of last week's column, "He nose his cars," I heard from folks who lamented the fact that today's cars are all but impossible for shade tree amateurs to fix. We're increasingly at the mercy of professional shops for repairs and maintenance. Well, true enough. So this is a good excuse to take a brutally practical look at the topic.

Well, I should say, take "another" brutally practical look, since I swing by this theme every so often. And why not? I'd rather drive than walk in the rain. How about you?

Despite the infuriating complexity of modern cars, there are a few basic things we can all do that will cut back on expensive problems. I'll note some highlights, pretty much my mental checklist for the basics. If any mechanics want to chime in on the gig, then send me an email, I'm always up for improving my approach to this stuff.

The first thing I'll note, especially in Saipan's hot climate, is that overheating an engine will ruin it. In days of old, when knights were bold, and engine blocks and heads were cast iron, you could sometimes get away with a marginal situation if you caught it in time.

But these days? Forget it. Your engine is probably more aluminum than it is anything else, and aluminum doesn't like heat.

The first line of defense is so easy it's brainless: Keep an eye on the dashboard temperature gauge. Every driver knows where it usually sits. Anyone gambling on this note will find out why the odds favor the house.

Of the engines I've seen ruined, I'd say that overheating was usually the cause.

Meanwhile, we can all do basic, easy things, like checking the levels, and condition, of the basic fluids. These are the engine coolant, engine oil, automatic transmission fluid, brake fluid, and power steering fluid. If you keep the levels where they should be, and if you take note of anything funky or nasty with the fluid, you'll steer yourself around a lot of problems.

As for these fluids, I should note that I'm generalizing. Some vehicles have automatic transmissions without dipsticks, so the fluid level can't be easily checked. Also, if you have a manual transmission, or rear wheel drive, you've got additional concerns.

Speaking of fluids, engine oil especially should be changed frequently if you want the engine to last. But you probably knew that already. Engine coolant also has to be changed on time, since modern cooling systems have all sorts of issues with various metals they use, so if you have coolant that's discolored from degradation, it needs attention.

Here's another easy thing to watch: the battery. If the connections are gross and corroded, then clean it up with an old toothbrush, baking soda and water.

Tires? Check the inflation. I once got well over 100,000 miles out of set of Goodyear tires (though not on Saipan, where the roads seem to eat tires for lunch), and one reason I could get this longevity was from proper inflation. If you're not savvy in this, have a tire guy explain how you can read tread wear patterns, or just look it up on the Web.

Alignment? Have the doggone wheels aligned by a pro. There's no point in putting this off. You'll just grind through expensive tires if you don't do it.

Check engine light? Contrary to popular belief, this can be a sign of serious problems, not merely esoteric emissions stuff. I've written before of a diagnostic tool for shade tree mechanics, the Equus 3030 Innova Diagnostic Code Reader. If you don't want that degree of hands-on involvement, then hopefully you have a relationship with a shop that will check these codes for free.

Brakes that get attention at the first indication of wear (squeaking or a warning light) are a lot cheaper to fix than brakes that are neglected.

Here's another item, and it's a big deal: The timing belt. I'm too tight on space to blather on about this, but suffice it to say that if your car, like many modern cars, uses a timing belt, you will want to understand when it should be changed. This isn't rocket science, you just need to talk to a mechanic or (yikes!) take a look at the owner's manual.

My last item is what pilots call "general condition and security." It doesn't take long to look over the engine and the body for things that just don't look right. You don't have to meditate over the stuff, just give it a 30-second scan with a hairy eyeball every week or so.

Over all, it probably takes less than 10 minutes a week to keep track of all this stuff. Even if a pro does all the wrenching, an owner who keeps track of things is going to be ahead of the game. After all, do you ask your dentist to brush your teeth for you? Or is that something you handle on your own?

But if 10 minutes a week of attention is too much to commit, don't worry. There is another option: Just open up your wallet. The average new car (U.S. prices) costs $30,303.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Not unfair, now what?

Not unfair: I am also a member of the CNMI Bar Association. The same process for the survey was open to all attorney members. Mr. Myers had three ways in which he could submit his survey responses—by fax, by e-mail, or in person. The deadline "in-person" was listed as Friday at 1pm, but the other two options were open until 4:30pm on Friday. If Mr. Myers in fact tried to deliver his survey in person and found the CNMI Bar office doors locked, then he still had two other methods and three and a half hours in which to submit his survey response.

The CNMI Bar has already responded about the process. It also accepted survey responses at its monthly meeting on Friday and reopened the office doors after the lunch meeting through 4:30pm.

The situation makes me think of Shakespeare: Methinks thou doth protest too much. I cannot help but think that the over-loud claim of unfairness is part of an orchestrated attempt to distract attention from the meaning of the results.

Meaning of the CNMI Bar survey results: The CNMI Bar is an organization that runs its own business. The survey was "confidential" but some vociferous commenters declaim it as "anonymous." In reality, it is no more "anonymous" than any vote in any CNMI election. Are the senators, members of the House, or governor any less validly elected officials because we use a secret ballot for elections? Each voter must appear and be found to be registered before voting. For the CNMI Bar survey, there was a system in place where attorneys had to identify themselves with respect to their "secret" ballot.

The CNMI Bar also has a system where it determines whether a survey it submits to its membership yields valid results. In one recent situation, it submitted a survey to its members on a different judicial candidate and, because of the short time for response, got very few results. It decided the results were not valid. In other words, the CNMI Bar already has in place a system to determine if the votes adequately reflect its members' views.

When the CNMI Bar released its survey results, it was reporting that it had confidence in the results; that the membership of the CNMI Bar rated the nominee for judge in the way expressed in the results.

What now? The results were based on survey responses from 43 attorneys. But the survey was open to all members and represents the Bar membership's voice. It is not a unanimous voice, but it is a clear indication that Mr. Quichocho is not deemed competent by his fellow colleagues in the CNMI Bar in any of the five significant areas for consideration of judicial candidates. Those five important areas are the judgment of the American Bar Association, comprising more than 400,000 American lawyers.

Should the CNMI Senate decide to ignore the CNMI Bar Association results because they don't conform to the political desires of the governor or Sen. Cruz? No. Each senator took an oath, and also portrayed himself as a representative of the people. We should not elevate politics over the very essential needs of the community.

Should the CNMI Senate simply ratify the CNMI Bar Association results? I would give that a "no" also. As important and informative as these results are, it is not the CNMI Bar's decision, but rather the Senate's.

The senators still have a job to do. None of the senators are lawyers, and that lack of specific education and experience will undoubtedly open the door to misunderstanding of what principles guide an attorney's actions. I would encourage the various senators to use their discretionary funds now to hire a *non-political* expert in law and ethics. While I would recommend hiring from outside the CNMI, it won't help to hire a Guam attorney who ever practices here for the same reasons it is better not to hire within the CNMI. It won't help to hire someone with connections to past legal activities here. They should hire someone like Bruce Bradley from Guam, who is well respected, knowledgeable about attorney ethics, and unconnected to any of the interests involved. Or choose someone from further afield recommended by the ABA committee on ethics. Or contact the judicial college for a recommendation of a neutral ethics expert. And let this independent, non-political expert assist the Senate in understanding information that is available. Let this independent, non-political expert conduct investigation for the facts that may underlie the opinions of the CNMI Bar members.

Public hearings are not enough. The Senate cannot expect any of the attorneys who gave those low marks to come forward and testify against Mr. Quichocho. If the Senate were to confirm Mr. Quichocho and if the concerns were valid, the negative repercussions would not only affect the attorney who testified, but his clients with business before the court. Few attorneys would risk their clients' interests in these circumstances. The lack of individual public comment will not negate the clear results of the CNMI Bar report.

The job of the Senate is essentially to hire for an incredibly important position. Would any business entity ignore the very negative information that comes to its attention about a potential employee? Or would it want to make sure it has selected the best, most honest, more reliable person for the job?

Final caveat: One last point, to deflect one of the possible, obvious negative retorts to my letter—I am not interested in being nominated as a judge of the CNMI Courts.

Jane Mack
San Vicente, Saipan

In support of Quichocho's nomination

I've known attorney Ramon King Quichocho for eight years and I find him to be a very respectful individual, a diligent attorney, and a strong advocator for his client. Attorney Quichocho promotes our local tradition of respect for he always extended our local tradition of *mangenge* to elders and families whom are his uncles and aunties. He is a diligent attorney who works long hours to ensure that he represent his clients well. He is a strong advocator for his clients and of the law. He is a hardworking attorney. Though he works long hours, he provides quality time for his family as well as devoted time to his faith. I state all of the above about attorney Quichocho for I frequently visit his office, both day and night, as well as socialized with him a lot.

I am confident that attorney Quichocho will carry over the same and other qualities to the bench as associate judge for the NMI Superior Court and he will be fair and impartial.

It is always an honor for us as community members of our great Commonwealth to witness our very own homegrown being nominated to a very prestigious and honorable position in the CNMI. We should be proud of attorney Quichocho's nomination to participate in ensuring fairness, impartiality, and to uphold the law so our CNMI will always be a safe place for all. Knowing attorney Quichocho for eight years, I am confident he will ensure the CNMI will always be a safe place for all and he will be an asset to the NMI Superior Court.

I pray and ask the Senate of the 18th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature to please *confirm* attorney Ramon King Quichocho as an associate judge of the NMI Superior Court.

God bless and let us all pray for the successful confirmation of attorney Quichocho. Thank you very much.

Jesus Taisague
Koblerville, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Southeast winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Southeast winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Sunny	▲89	▼82
Palau	Sunny	▲88	▼74
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲91	▼77
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼80
Pohnpei	Showers	▲85	▼79
Kosrae	Showers	▲85	▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲63	▼59
Beijing	Cloudy	▲80	▼63
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲83	▼79
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼73
London	Rain	▲48	▼44
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲71	▼58
Manila	Thundershowers	▲90	▼83
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲63	▼50
Miami	Thundershowers	▲90	▼76
New York	Rain	▲65	▼52
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲80	▼64
Paris	Rain	▲48	▼43
Pusan	Mostly Cloudy	▲75	▼61
Rome	Sunny	▲64	▼55
Salem	Showers	▲64	▼47
San Francisco	Sunny	▲61	▼51
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Washington, DC	Showers	▲66	▼50

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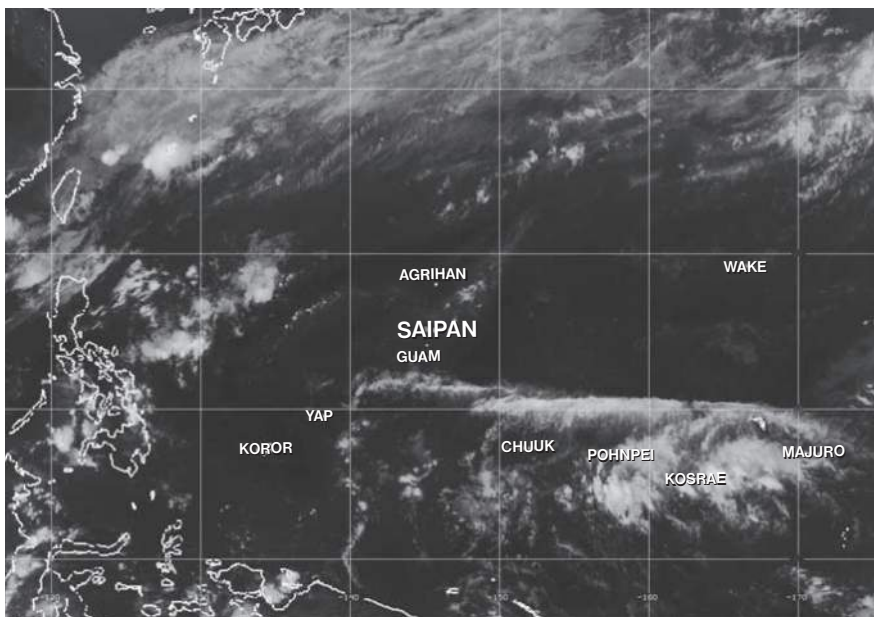

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough heads northeastward from 15N130E to end at 18N136E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are present southeast of Okinawa within 110 miles of a line from 17N131E to 19N135E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over Pohnpei and Kosrae within 160 miles of a line from 5N156E to 7N169E. Another surface trough curves northward from 10N176E to end at 21N179E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are seen northeast of Majuro or east of a line from 10N171E to 17N177E to 21N177E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

1:29 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.9 Feet
6:56 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet
2:06 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet
8:53 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:46 AM	6:41 PM
Saturday	5:46 AM	6:42 PM
Sunday	5:46 AM	6:42 PM
Monday	5:46 AM	6:42 PM
Tuesday	5:46 AM	6:43 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	5:45 PM	4:34 AM
Saturday	6:49 PM	5:31 AM
Sunday	7:53 PM	6:32 AM
Monday	8:54 PM	7:36 AM
Tuesday	9:51 PM	8:40 AM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 23, 2013

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)

SYL9950	6:40pm	1:30am+1	7

SAIPAN-VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)

XF1734	4:15pm	10:30pm	4 Every other week eff May 16

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
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UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM
UA5062/191	4:50am	9:55am	3 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:05pm	Daily via NRT
UA5068/PR111	8:35am	4:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
US5074/PR111	11:20am	4:35pm	1, 5, 7 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

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OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
OZ604/745	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
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UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5062	3:45am	4:20am	1, 3, 5
UA5038	11:15am	11:50am	6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

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BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1	4, 7

GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

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KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN

SYL9949	12:45pm	5:20pm	7

VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)-SAIPAN

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MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

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DL172/288	8:00am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT
UA190/5077	10:55am	6:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
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HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

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LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; VLK: Vladivostok Air; SYL: Yakutia Air.

ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bad customer service

My wife and daughter were shopping last week at Payless Shoe Source in San Jose when my 3-year-old daughter fell on the edge of the counter, sustaining a wound behind her left ear. She was bleeding copiously yet they failed to provide a first aid kit, saying they don't have one. I asked for even just a simple cotton and Band-Aid and they could not produce one. This happened around 7pm yet an hour and a half later, my daughter was still complaining that her wound still hurts.

I noticed that their shelves are hazardous to children and that they have no warning signs about the hazards that exist at their site. When I tried to talk to the management over the phone, an employee who identified herself as Shirley Torres refused to furnish us with an incident report. She also defiantly dared me to bring this matter to court. This behavior was, frankly, unbecoming and unprofessional. I mean, you are in the shoe business and your ads say "Happiness Guaranteed," yet your store failed to provide my family the high quality customer service you promised.

Based on this incident, you don't really value your customers. Just as long as you can sell a pair of shoes. Yes, your shoes are affordable but that was really bad customer service and gets negative rating in my book. With this kind of work-related issue, it should have been an opportunity to impress a customer, with a professional and humane approach, and not to treat it as a problem. What does the corporate office feel about this "missed opportunity"?

Arvin Sales
As Lito, Saipan

More explanations, please

The latest newspaper report about the fate of SB 18-18 suggests that this legislation is now Substitute SB 18-18. The Senate's website, as of this day, did not have the latest posting of Substitute SB 18-18. And based on reliance of news release information, it seems that the conferees of this piece of legislation actually did not materially change any significant provision of SB 18-18.

After initial reading of Section 1 of SB 18-18, I noticed that the findings and purpose of this bill resorts to the assertion and affirmation of the "public interest" as studied reasons for the enactment of this piece of legislation. While the assertion and affirmation of what is the "public interest" is debatable, and because it is a part of the overriding consideration in the formation and development of this bill, we should ask the sponsor and subsequent conferees the question, "What is or are the public interest(s) that fortify the intent of this bill? We need clarity and specificity in the data, evidence, or point of reference that suggest what the actual public interest the bill is referring and alluding to as facts that support the passage of this bill. It is imperative that we understand the basis of this bill in that this also would lay the foundation to demonstrate to our honorable members of the Legislature the flaws inherent in PL 17-80. Granted that the sponsor of this bill may dismiss or ignore what is being said here, it is also fair to ascertain that there are winners and losers impacted by PL 17-80, and frankly we need to examine our situation seriously in order to avoid the bastardization of the merit system. With this in mind, we await any discourse from our elected representatives.

Francisco R. Agulto
Kannat Tabla, Saipan

Computing the CNMI's Consumer Price Index

I would like to clarify my concern about the CNMI's Consumer Price Index. Two years ago, the then director of the Central Statistics Division, Ivan Blanco, asked me if I had any objection to having a consultant from the Secretariat of the Pacific Communities simplify the calculation process. The statistical clerk who had previously calculated the CPI had resigned the previous December and no one in the division was trained on how to use the CPI calculation program. I told him that "as long as the 'simplified method' retained the same Bureau of Labor Statistics method of calculating the CPI," I had no objection."

When this new "simplified" calculation method was introduced, I did a parallel calculation of the first three quarters of 2010 to make certain that the CPIs were identical. I had been given the price data from the Central Statistics Division and had been told that it was identical to that which the SPC consultant used. After comparing the two calculations, I discovered that my percent changes and indexes did not match up with the SPC's calculations. Apparently there was a misunderstanding. The SPC consultant had used the same data but made a number of corrections to the data to which I was not privy to. As a result, our two calculations differed. Having worked on developing your CPI for over eight years, this concerned me that it was no longer accurately measuring price change.

Recently, this consultant provided additional examples with fictional prices showing that both methods result in the exact same percent changes and indexes. While we have differences of opinion about which method is actually the "simpler" method, I no longer have my concerns that the CSD is now using a different method from that used by the BLS to calculate their quarterly CPIs.

Brian Hannon
Survey Statistics Specialist

LIFE

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of the scrap heap that used to be her home, she told a CBS reporter about the terrifying minutes she spent in her bathroom, clutching the dog on her lap as she "felt the stool come up out of the floor." When the wind stopped flinging things about, she found herself atop a pile of debris, staring at a Presto cooker. The dog, she said, gesturing with resignation, "is in there somewhere."

Life would go on, she was saying, seconds before the schnauzer's nose poked out of the wreckage. "This is life in the big city."

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NMC

Northern Marianas College Graduates during the baccalaureate Mass held earlier this week at San Vicente Church. The NMC graduation ceremony will be on Saturday, May 25, 2013, at 4pm at the MHS Gymnasium.

Public invited to tomorrow's NMC graduation

The Northern Marianas College is inviting all community members to its 33rd Commencement Exercise tomorrow, May 25, 2013, at 4pm at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

The college expects to confer about 180 associate and bachelor's degrees, which is a 52-percent increase over last year's number of degrees conferred. This is the college's largest graduating class in five years.

This year also marks a first for students to graduate with a bachelor's degree in education with concentrations in "Early Childhood" or "Rehabilitation and Human Services." These concentrations, along with the other concentrations at the NMC School of Education, were introduced a few years ago.

Several awards will also be presented at the May 25 ceremony, including the leadership award, which will be awarded by Gov. Eloy S. Inos and other college leaders. Academic achievement awards will also be handed out to students with the highest grade point averages, and a Community Service Award will be handed to a student who has been involved in numerous volunteer and civic activities.

This year's graduation theme is "Motivate, Lead, Inspire," which was selected by a representative group of the graduating class. Traditionally, this group also selects the keynote speaker and this year the class selected Galvin Deleon Guerrero, who is the president of Mount Carmel School and an adjunct instructor at the college.

"The significant increase in the number of graduates is a testimony not only to the hard work and dedication of our students and their families but also the commitment and educational passion of our college personnel," said NMC president Sharon Hart, Ph.D. "Graduation marks an important milestone in their lives, and we are inviting everyone in the community to join us for this joyous event."

Families and friends who are not able to watch the graduation in person can watch the event live online. The graduation ceremony will be streamed live at http://www.ustream.tv/channel/nmc-2013-commencement. ***(NMC)***

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GOOD JOB!

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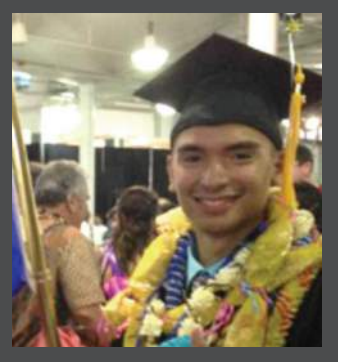

Congratulations to Keith Jason Flores Sablan on graduating summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in Biology Human/Health Science from Hawaii Pacific University. We wish you the best in your future endeavors. With love, from your family!

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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Advanced happy 23rd birthday to Daisy Anne Marie B. Lizama! May the Lord guide you, bless you on this day and throughout the years. Hope you enjoy your day, my only princess! We always love you, Daisy Duke! Take care and be safe! Greetings come from Ki'Ilani Ngeskebei and Karieanne Ngeskebei, Peter Ngeskebei, Daddy Dennis and Mommy Linda, and your families on Saipan and Guam.

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Happy 2nd Birthday to our little *magas*, Keowynn Francisco King Kaipat! Words cannot express how grateful we are to have you in our lives. You have grown to become a loving and smart young boy. We wish you all the joys in life. With lots of love, Mommy, Daddy, Kaleigh, and Kobe.

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Law clerk Schwartz joins Office of the Public Defender

Attorney Eden Schwartz, a law clerk for Superior Court associate judge Joseph N. Camacho, is joining the Office of the Public Defender.

Schwartz has been clerking for Camacho since December 2011. Today is her last day with him. She will start working as an assistant public defender on June 3, 2013.

Schwartz said she feels sad about leaving the Superior Court but also excited to work with the OPD, where she feels she could advocate for indigent clients.

"I want to be a trial lawyer for a long time," said Schwartz. "Somebody accused of a crime might be your brother, sister, cousin. That person does not have the tools."

Although the OPD has a small staff, Schwartz pointed out that it has "a very capable crew." Including Schwartz, OPD has only four lawyers.

Schwartz, who lived in the San Francisco area before moving to Saipan in 2011, vowed to do her best at OPD.

Schwartz

Being a law clerk for Camacho was her first job after finishing law school at Santa Clara University School of Law in California.

She said she really enjoyed her experience as a law clerk for Camacho. "Judge Camacho is open, warm, and he taught me a lot about law and life on the islands."

In a separate interview, Camacho said that Schwartz is an "extremely wonderful person" to work with. He praised her research skills, judgment, and advice.

"I will miss her as she was a great law clerk and a good friend. I wish her the best in her future career," the judge said.

At the Santa Clara University School of Law, Schwartz was awarded for excellence in oral advocacy and obtained a Cali award for excellence in the Northern California Innocence Project. She also got a Cali award for excellence in opening and closing statements.

Schwartz is admitted to the California State Bar. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

MHS' Del Rosario joins national honor society

A Marianas High School student, Vladimer Del Rosario, was recently selected for membership in the prestigious National Society of High School Scholars.

Del Rosario, 18, was informed of his selection by the organization's founder and chairman Claes Nobel, who congratulated him for the hard work, sacrifice, and commitment he has shown "to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence."

Del Rosario

Del Rosario is the son of Merlyn and Valentin "Totoy" Del Rosario Jr.

In addition to his superior academic achievement, Del Rosario is also an active member of the Junior Reserve Officers Training Course and is a battalion command sergeant major. He is also actively involved in church and community events.

After high school, he plans to enter to a two-year community college in Connecticut before pursuing a degree in physical therapy in a four-year university.

Del Rosario says he is confident that attaining his educational goals will bring success for himself and his family and his membership in the National Society of High School Scholars will greatly help him in college.

The National Society of High School Scholars recognizes top scholars and invites only those students who have achieved superior academic excellence. It was formed in 2002 and has more than 800,000 members in over 160 countries to date. ***(Moneth G. Deposa)***

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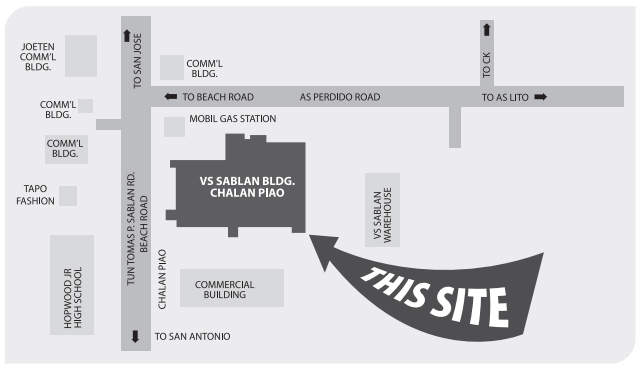

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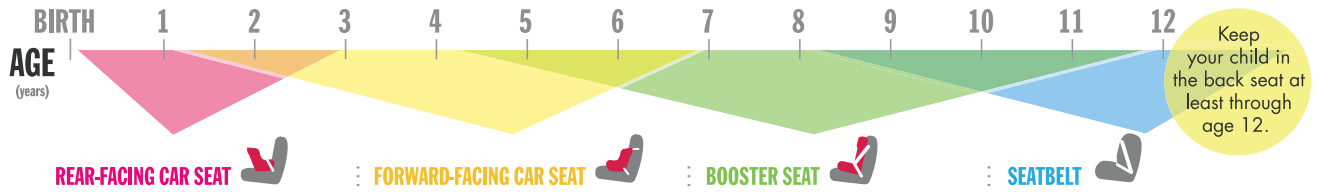
- Keep your child in the back seat at least through age 12.



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BOOSTER SEAT

Keep your child in a forward-facing car seat with a harness until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the forward-facing car seat with a harness, it's time to travel in a booster seat, but still in the back seat.

SEATBELT

Keep your child in a booster seat until he or she is big enough to fit in a seat belt properly. For a seat belt to fit properly the lap belt must lie snugly across the upper thighs, not the stomach. The shoulder belt should lie snug across the shoulder and chest and not cross the neck or face. Remember: your child should still ride in the back seat because it's safer there.

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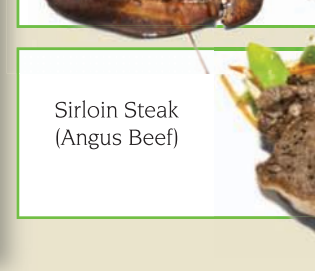

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The northernmost hotel on Saipan is getting busy and has a new *a la carte* teppanyaki outlet to prove it.

Marianas Resort & Spa's Gekka Teppanyaki & Bar offers teppanyaki dishes with a twist, according to executive chef William Retardo.

Aside from non-traditional entrées–such as spaghetti and yaki udon getting the teppan treatment–Gekka is also shaking things up by presenting the food in a classic French culinary plating style.

In Japan, teppanyaki refers to dishes cooked using an iron plate, including steak, shrimp, okonomiyaki, yakisoba, and monjayaki.

"We just want the whole Gekka experience to be unique. Sure, we will still be grilling steak, shrimp, and yakisoba in our teppan but we will also be introducing new dishes not usually cooked in this style," said Retardo.

For starters, get a load of intriguing dishes like Potato with Pork Belly and Camembert Cheese and Scallops with Fresh Mushroom.

Retardo highly recommends Gekka's "combo" meals where scallops, lobsters, shrimps, chicken, and Angus beef can be paired together for a supremely satisfying meal.

Seafood lovers, meanwhile, won't get wrong by ordering Gekka's Grilled Prawn with Garlic Butter Sauce, Mahi-Mahi Steak, Salmon Steak, Lobster Tail, and Live Lobster.

Gekka also has children covered with their teriyaki chicken breast, teppanyaki shrimp, and yakisoba offerings.

Unlike other teppanyaki restaurants on island, Gekka's menu is also quite inexpensive. While a full course teppanyaki set would cost upwards of $80, Retardo said their entrées start at $23.

To make things more interesting, Gekka chefs Ed Malabayabas and Arnel Patio could also whip up desserts for sweet-tooths using the ever-reliable teppan grill. Some of the desserts cooked teppan-style at Gekka includes fried ice cream, banana crepe, and strawberry crepe.

Retardo is also quite proud of their top quality and authentic ingredients and their vegetables are bought on island as much as possible.

Retardo said he is happy to finally open a teppanyaski outlet at Marianas Resort and hopes the economy will continue to improve. So far, since its soft opening a few weeks back, he said locals and tourists alike have been delighted with their epicurean experience at Gekka.

Gekka Teppanyaki Bar & Grill is open from Saturday to Sunday, 6pm-10pm. Its main bar comfortably seats 20 customers, while the rest of the dining area can accommodate another 30.

Local diners can also avail of 20 percent off their food purchase. For reservations, call 322-0770. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

NAUTILUS SAIPAN

Take a spin inside a semi-submarine

The largest marine sport company in the CNMI is expanding its already impressive portfolio by introducing a semi-submarine tour around the Saipan Lagoon.

Auto Marine Inc. recently purchased and retrofitted a semi-submarine from Guam, rechristened it the *Nautilus*, and will be pressing it to service for the Commonwealth's much-improved tourism industry starting this month.

According to Jefferson Santos, Nautilus Saipan CEO and founder, the 62-foot *Nautilus* uses a diesel power train (twin Cummins engine) that allows it to go farther and offer longer tours and more variety of locations.

And because pressure close to the water surface is relatively low, the large viewing windows of the semi-sub—all 35 of them—allow passengers a better view of underwater life.

The *Nautilus* also has a built-in restroom and entertainment system, two flat screen TVs, 12 speakers, a public announcement system, and the 49 passengers it can accommodate are cooled by a 60,000 BTU air-conditioning system.

Santos said Nautilus Saipan acquired their "new baby" from Sub Sea, which had it made in California. It is built of high-grade aluminum and has a bow thruster that allows more maneuverability.

The *Nautilus* is also a U.S. Coast Guard-certified vessel. AM Machine Shop painted its exterior with Dupont (IMRON) red-orange and black for quality, durability, and attractiveness.

Santos said that adding the *Nautilus* to Auto Marine's fleet wouldn't have been possible without the help of Bob Taguchi, who assisted the company in the certification process; as well as the contributions of family and friends.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
The *Nautilus* is a 62-foot semi-submarine that can accommodate as much as 49 passengers for its hour-long underwater tour of the Saipan Lagoon.

SAIPAN TRIBUNE
Saipan Nautilus CEO and founder Jefferson Santos, second from right, poses on the deck of the Nautilus with, from right, Caloy Capili, father Adonis Sr., and brothers Adonis Jr. and Mark.

SAIPAN TRIBUNE
The *Nautilus* has 35 potholes plus a make-believe ship's steering wheel for kids.

Testing the waters

So far, Nautilus Saipan has treated media and travel agents to its underwater tour. Santos said the hour-long tour initially includes stops at the wreck of a World War II troop carrier, the same era's submarine chaser, a Japanese Zero Fighter, and a large coral formation close to Mañagaha Island.

Passengers can view the World War II relics and colorful marine life for 15 to 20 minutes before moving on to a new site.

Lucky 29

Santos said they painted the number 29 prominently on the semi-sub because that number seems to be lucky for the company.

For instance, it was Oct. 29, 2012, that the *Nautilus* arrived on Saipan. It is also the birthday of Santos patriarch and Auto Marine founder Adonis, who skippered the semi-sub in its 33-hour journey from Guam to Saipan.

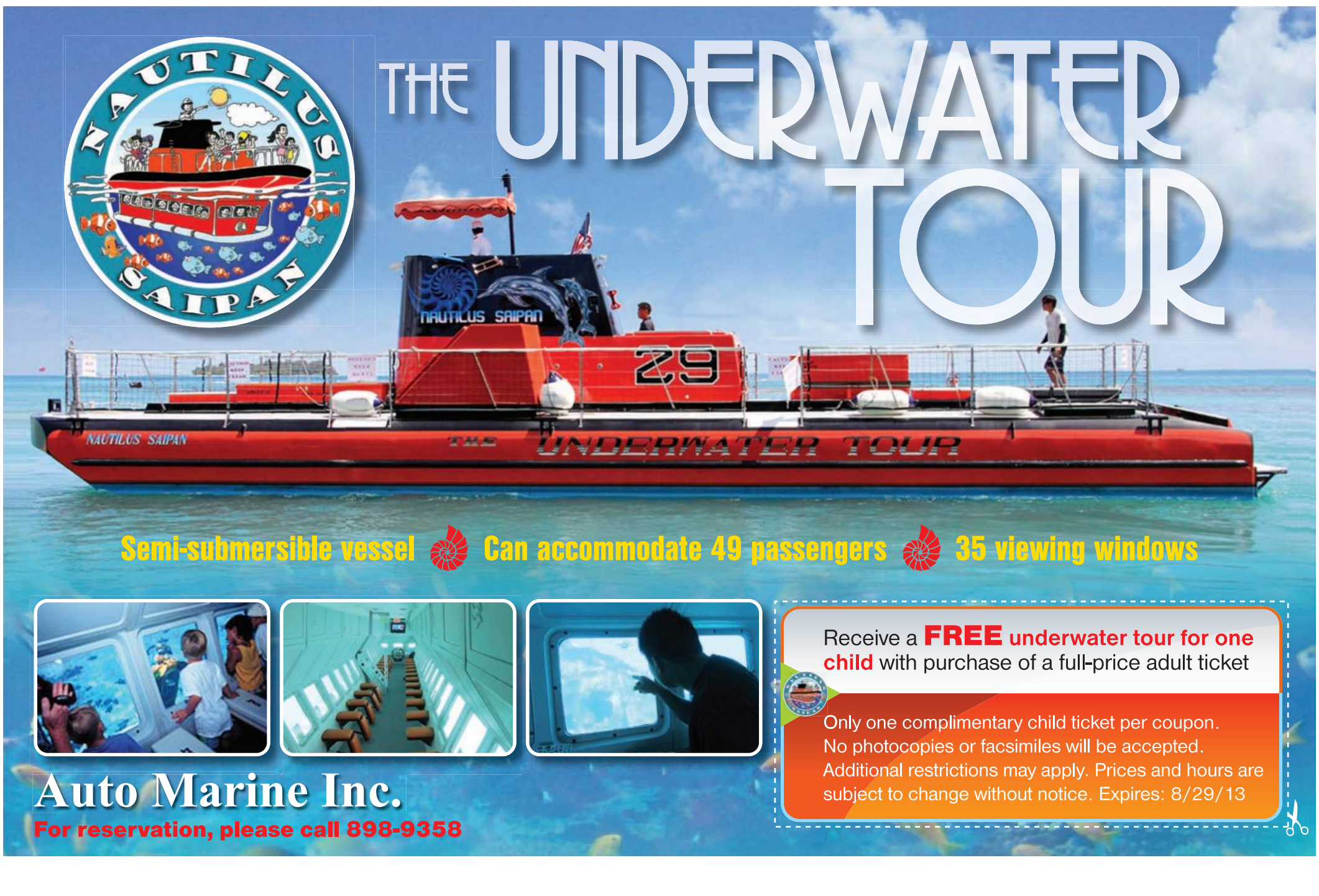
Jefferson himself was born on Aug. 29 and Adonis' wedding anniversary is Jan. 29. It was also by coincidence that the *Nautilus*' dry dock was on Dec. 29, after it was delayed by a day because a bulldozer wasn't readily available.

"Somehow, there's something about the number 29 and the Santos family believes it is our lucky number," said Jefferson.

Aside from Jefferson, two of his brothers are also involved in Nautilus Saipan. Adonis Jr. is the company's computer engineer and Mark is the semi-sub's captain.

Nautilus Saipan currently offers three schedules for its "Underwater Tour"—8:30am, 10am, and 1:30pm.

The fare is $30 for adults and $20 for children. Kids 2 years and below ride for free. The marine sports company will also extend a promotional price for parties of 10 or more. For reservations, call 898-9358. ***(Saipan Tribune)***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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

NMC graduation will stream live online

Families and friends who are not able to watch the Northern Marianas College's 33rd Commencement Exercise in person on May 25th, 2013, at the Marianas High School Gymnasium can watch the event live online. The graduation ceremony will be streamed live at http://www.ustream.tv/channel/nmc-2013-commencement.

The live stream will begin at approximately 3:30pm (local CNMI time) on Saturday, May 25, 2013, and will end at about 6pm. For more information, visit NMC's website at www.nmcnet.edu. Special thanks goes to the NMC IT Team, IT&E, the Marianas High School A/V Class, and other partners for making this possible. ***(PR)***

MHS Class of '83 raffle draw set

The MHS Class of 1983's 30th class reunion raffle drawing will be held on Friday, May 31, 2013, 7:30pm at the Minatchom Atdao pavilion in Susupe, Civil Center.

The MHS Class of 1983 general meeting will be on Friday, May 31, 2013, at 7pm. Anyone interested in buying reunion banquet tickets for the class reunion on June 22, 2013, can call Tonnei Camacho at 483-9665. ***(PR)***

Corporate Challenge softball tourney Sunday

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will hold its Corporate Challenge Softball Tournament this Sunday, May 26, at the Capital Hill Belfield. So far, 15 SSC member companies have signed up for the one-day tournament.

SSC will award a SCC Corporate Challenge Trophy and the Team Sportsmanship Award. There will also be a Best Tent Award.

Proceeds from the tournament will be used for the Chamber's scholarship awards program. ***(PR)***

Rehearsal for NMC graduates today

In anticipation of the Northern Marianas College's 33rd Commencement Exercise on Saturday, May 25, 2013, at 4pm, all NMC graduation candidates are reminded to attend the graduation rehearsal today, May 24, at 4pm at the Marianas High School Gymnasium. Important information about the ceremony and degree materials will be shared during the rehearsal. For more information visit www.nmcnet.edu or contact 234-5498 Ext. 1537. ***(NMC)***

Red Cross annual meeting

The NMI Chapter of the American Red Cross will be conducting its annual meeting on Wednesday, May 29, at 5:30pm at the Chapter office on Airport Road. All Red Cross volunteers, donors and the general public are welcome. The meeting will provide an overview of Red Cross services as well as a recap of the current fiscal year, financial reports and an election of its board of directors. For more information, call the Chapter at 234-3459 or go to www.redcross.org/nmi. ***(ARC)***

MHS, SSHS, and KHS Class of '03 meeting today

The Marianas High School, Saipan Southern High School, and Kagman High School Alumni Class of 2003 is inviting all classmates to a mandatory meeting today, May 24, 2013, at 6:30pm at Tanya Pangelinan's residence in Dandan. On the agenda is the upcoming joint 10th year reunion of 2003 classmates in July.

For more information and/or directions, call Caroline Camacho at 789-3730, Tanya Pangelinan at 483-8428, or Ricky Itibus at 483-7104. We started as one, divided into three, and now let's be reunited as a Class of 2003! ***(PR)***

May 31 deadline to file statement of financial interest

The Office of the Public Auditor is reminding all Commonwealth public officials and employees who are required to file a statement of financial interest for calendar year 2012 under the Government Ethics Code Act of 1992 that the deadline for filing a verified statement of financial interests is May 31, 2013. Any person failing to comply with the financial disclosure requirements is subject to penalties, including a $10 per day penalty for periods of delinquency.

For more information, contact OPA at 322-6481/2, fax number 322-7812, or e-mail mail@opacnmi.com. You may also visit OPA's website at www.opacnmi.com for information about filing requirements. ***(OPA)***

FOA to stage 'Miss Saigon'

Miss Saigon comes to Saipan this month, courtesy of the Friends of the Arts. This newest staging of the acclaimed musical will take place on May 30 and 31 for the evening shows. June 1 and 2 have both matinee and evening shows. Show time for matinee begins at 3pm and evening shows begin at 7pm. The venue is the MHS Dolphin Theater. The cost is $15 for adult non-members, $12 for adult FOA members, $8 for students, and $5 for Thespian members.

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP13-DPL-127

SUBMISSION DATE: JULY 10, 2013 **TIME: 2:00 P.M.**

"LONG-TERM LEASE FOR PUBLIC LANDS IN MARPI AND SAN ANTONIO, SAIPAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS"

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Department of Public Lands (DPL), are soliciting sealed proposals from interested and qualified companies or individuals for the purpose of leasing and commercially developing public land as indicated below:

1. Lot Number 003 A 11, containing an area of approximately 49,500 square meters.
2. Lot Number 003 A 20, containing an area of approximately 49,505 square meters.
3. Lot Number 004 I 40, containing an area of approximately 40,827 square meters

Lots #1 & #2 are contiguous to each other and have a combined total area of 99,005 square meters, more or less, and are located in Marpi, Saipan, CNMI. Proposers have the option to select only one (1) lot, or combined both lots to prepare their proposal. Lot number 004 I 40 is located in San Antonio, Saipan

The Scope of Work, proposal instructions, maps, and other documents to complete the RFP will be available and may be picked up at the Department of Public Lands Office, located at the 2nd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building, Dandan, Saipan, during the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Interested proposers from overseas may request the required documents by mail. A non-refundable application fee of **Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (US $3,500.00)** is required to be paid at the time of issuance of the Scope of Work of the RFP and related documents. Payment must be by certified or cashier's check and made payable to: Department of Public Lands.

Also, request by mail for the RFP documents must be accompanied by payment of the non-refundable fee in certified or cashier's check, payable to the Department of Public Lands. Payment by mail should be sent to: Department of Public Lands, P.O. Box 500380, Saipan, MP 96950.

The RFP packet issued to proposers will be numbered for identification and shall become the property of the prospective companies or individuals, and may not be copied for distribution to other interested parties. Only those interested proposers that inquired and have paid the application fee directly to Department of Public Lands (DPL) will be issued the official RFP from DPL.

Questions regarding this project must be received **no later than the close of business, June 28, 2013** and must be submitted in writing to Mr. Pedro A. Tenorio, Acting Secretary of DPL at the following address:

Department of Public Lands
P.O. Box 500380
Saipan, MP 96950
2ND Floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building
Telephone numbers: (670) 234-3751/52/53
Facsimile number: (670) 234-3755
Email: pete.tenorio@dpl.gov.mp; rachel@dpl.gov.mp; prasa@dpl.gov.mp

Response to questions shall be shared with all prospective proposers.

DPL reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any defects if it finds that to do so is in the best interest of the public land beneficiaries. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI Government.

/S/ PEDRO A. TENORIO
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MULTI YEAR FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT SERVICES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
CPA-RFP-006-13

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed cost proposal for auditing services for a period of three (3) fiscal years. The location and scope of work package is available beginning May 23rd, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport.

Interested proposers must submit one original and three copies of the sealed proposal. Only proposals from U.S. nationally recognized firms will be accepted.

The sealed proposals must be submitted before 4:30 p.m. LOCAL TIME, June 28, 2013, at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport. CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if in its opinion to do so is in CPA's best interest.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/S/JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Chairman/Contracting Officer

05/20/2013
Date

HANMI golf tournament early bird deadline on May 29

Golfers have only a week left to avail of the $105 early bird registration fee for the 12th Annual HANMI Charity Golf Classic Tournament on June 1, 2013.

The early bird and Junior Flight registration deadline is next Thursday, May 29, at 5pm. The Junior Flight is only $70 open to players ages 8 to 16 years old. A maximum of 144 golfers will be allowed. The tournament will be held at Laolao Bay Golf Resort west course.

Registration forms are available on the HANMI website at www.saipanhotels.org, and at Mariana Country Club, Coral Ocean Point Resort, Laolao Bay Golf Resort, Fiesta Resort & Spa, and Hyatt Regency Saipan. The fee includes green fee and the awards banquet. The fee increases to $125 after the early bird deadline. The tournament will start at 7am.

"This year's tournament offers more chances to win on the course, and as always, a large number of quality prizes at the raffle drawing at the awards banquet," said Tournament chair Juko Ishikawa. "We've also invited off-island golfers to participate in the event and would hate to see anyone miss out, so we encourage all interested golfers to register as soon as possible."

Hole-in-one prizes offer this year's golfers a chance for lucrative prizes. Delta Air Lines has donated two round-trip tickets to any Delta destination in the U.S., and Triple J Motors will put up a 2013 Hyundai Elantra. Cash donations up for grabs will be $20,000 from Century Tours, $10,000 from Pacific Saipan, $5,000 by Century Insurance, and $3,000 from Traders Insurance.

This year's tournament be open to the first 144 paid registrants. Cash and numerous in-kind prizes await the winners, and proceeds of the tournament will be contributed to community charities.

This year's optional play is an additional $25 and will award cash prizes for nearest to the pin, most accurate drive, and longest drive on select holes. In addition, Titan Imports will award Chivas Magnum (1.5L) and Pacifica Insurance will award $100 cash for nearest to the pin on select par 3 holes. ***(HANMI)***

QUARTER DRIVE

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Gov. Eloy S. Inos joins Board of Education chair Herman T. Guerrero, PSS Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D., and other officials in launching the Public School System's Quarter Drive, a fundraising effort of the CNMI PSS Foundation in celebration of the 25th anniversary of PSS.

Only 3 Saipan schools left in dictionary drive

The Saipan Rotary Club of Saipan is close to completing its dictionary campaign this year, with only three schools yet to receive their complementary Merriam Webster dictionaries, according to vocational services director Kelly Butcher.

In an update on the project during last Tuesday's weekly Rotary meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan, Butcher said that only San Vicente, Dandan, and Koblerville elementary schools have not received their dictionaries.

She said this is due to—so far—no Rotarian stepping up to adopt the schools. Rotary Club president Pete Shilling immediately raised his hand and said he will adopt the school since his grandson goes to school at Dandan.

The local civic organization's dictionary drive distributes Merriam Webster dictionaries, at a costs of $4 each, to third grade students of CNMI public schools.

It is modeled after Guam's own dictionary campaign and has since been emulated in other Rotary Club districts in Micronesia such as in Palau, Pohnpei, and Chuuk.

In all, the organization has spent $4,000 for the dictionary project this year.

Aside from Saipan public school, PSS sites on Tinian and Rota are also expected to get dictionaries.

In related news, Rotarian Laurie Peterka said the playground at American Memorial Park's Micro Beach has finally been repaired and restored to its former glory.

She thanked fellow Rotary members, Seafix, Joeten, Department of Public Works, and AMP Parks Service for donating funds and manpower to breathe new life to the structure, a favorite hangout of children for years.

Peterka also asked members and other businesses and organizations to donate funds for the future upkeep of the playground. She said the structure may have to be moved in a couple of years as the continued erosion of that side of Micro Beach may compromise its stability. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

United States
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
COUNCIL on DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FIVE YEAR STATE PLAN FY 2012-2016

Goals & Objectives

GOALS AREA: EMPLOYMENT
GOAL: People with developmental disabilities will have improved access to information of employment and entrepreneurial opportunities consistent with their interest, abilities and needs.

GOAL AREA: TRANSPORTATION
GOAL: People with developmental disabilities will have improved access to information on transportation services for work, school, medical, emergency, and perform other basic needs.

GOAL AREA: EMERGENCY & DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
GOAL: Increase access to Emergency and Disaster Preparedness information and education that will be provided to people with developmental disabilities and their families so they are informed in the event of a disaster.

GOAL AREA: SELF-ADVOCACY
GOAL I: Individuals with developmental disabilities will engage in activities that will help educate private and public establishments on how to improve the accessibility of their establishments.

GOAL II: People with developmental disabilities will feel confident and empowered to vocalize their opinions on issues that affect their lives in the community.

GOAL AREA: RESPITE CARE
GOAL: Family Members and/or caregivers of individuals with developmental disabilities will have access to information about respite services made available through the Commonwealth Respite Services Program (CNMI PL 14-36).

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The CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities (CNMI CDD) is seeking comments on its amendments to the FY 2012-2016 Developmental Disabilities Basic Grant State Plan. Therefore, the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities will be conducting public hearings on the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota on how best the Council can and should serve all individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. During the public hearings, all persons with developmental disabilities, their families, friends, the general public will be provided the opportunity to review and offer comment or input on the State Plan Amendments of its FIVE YEAR STATE PLAN. All and any comments, recommendations or inputs given during these hearings will be incorporated in the State Plan Amendments. Your comments are important to work of the Council. Please submit your comments by June 7, 2013 using the one of the following options: Visit, mail, fax, email or call our office to submit comments.

CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities, P.O. Box 502565, Saipan MP 96950 - 1312 Anatahan Drive, Capital Hill, Saipan - (670) 664-7000/1 (670) 664-7030 Fax or 711 Telecommunication Relay Services or Email: cnmi.ddc@gmail.com

Schedule of Public Hearings

SAIPAN	TINIAN	ROTA
WHEN: May 28, 2013	**WHEN:** April 8, 2013	**WHEN:** April 04, 2013
WHERE: Multi-Purpose Center	**WHERE:** Fleming's Restaurant	**WHERE:** NMC Rota Campus
TIME: 6:00pm to 7:00pm	**TIME:** 4:00pm to 5:00pm	**TIME:** 3:00pm to 4:00pm

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION: If you require reasonable accommodation (e.g., large print, sign language interpreter) to participate in the Public Hearing, please contact the CNMI DD COUNCIL Office at least 3 working days in advance of the meeting to make necessary arrangements. Alternative formats of the proposed 5 Year State Plan is available upon request.

Pamela C. Sablan, Executive Director of CNMI DD COUNCIL

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC §9910, the State Rehabilitation Council will hold its FY'13 Second General Membership meeting on Wednesday, May 29, 2013 at Charley's Cabaret, Pacific Islands Club at 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Interested individuals are welcome to attend.

AGENDA

I. **Meeting Call to Order**
II. **Roll Call by SRC Secretary**
III. **Review and adoption of Agenda**
IV. **Review and adoption of the FY '12 Fourth Meeting Minutes (09/20/12)**
V. **Reports**
  A. Sub-Committee Chairpersons
  B. SRC Chairperson
  C. OVR Director
    a) OVR Highlights
    b) Fiscal Status
    c) Consumer Data
VI. **Old Business**
  A. Comments & Adoption of FY 2014 VR State Plan
  B. 2013 Resource Plan
VII. **New Business**
  A. 2013 NDEAM
  B. Input on Social Media for SRC
  C. Needs Assessment
VIII. **Consumer Forum**
IX. **Announcements/Miscellaneous**
X. **Adjournment**

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend the meeting but require accommodations such as large print or sign language interpreters, are asked to call 322-6537 (voice) or 322-6449 (TTY) two days before the meeting. For more clarification, please contact Elvira Seman at 322-6537 (voice) or 322-6449 (TTY).

/s/ Isidro K. Seman
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CRM Agency Meeting
May 29, 2013 10:00 AM
CRM Conference Room

AGENDA

I. **PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
  a) Call to Order
  b) Roll Call

II. **PRE-APPLICATION - SURF RIDER HOTEL**
  a. Project presentation
  b. Discussion by CRM Agencies/CRMO

III. **PERMIT APPLICATION**
TASI HOMES DEVELOPMENT - CRM APP. NO SMS-2013-X-031
  a. Permit Application summary by CRMO
  b. Discussion by CRM Agencies/CRMO
  c. Permit Application Status (CRMO/CRM Agencies)

III. **OTHER MATTERS**

IV. **ADJOURNMENT**

Business

Median CEO pay rises to $9.7M in 2012

By CHRISTINA REXRODE
AP BUSINESS WRITER

CEO pay has been going in one direction for the past three years: up.

The head of a typical large public company made $9.7 million in 2012, a 6.5 percent increase from a year earlier that was aided by a rising stock market, according to an analysis by The Associated Press using data from Equilar, an executive pay research firm.

CEO pay, which fell two years straight during the Great Recession but rose 24 percent in 2010 and 6 percent in 2011, has never been higher.

Companies say they need to pay CEOs well so they can attract the best talent, and that this is ultimately in the interest of shareholders. But shareholder activists and some corporate governance experts say many CEOs are being paid far above what is reasonable or what their performance merits.

Pay for all U.S. workers rose 1.1 percent in 2010, 1.2 percent in 2011 and 1.6 percent last year—not enough to keep up with inflation. The median wage in the U.S. was about $39,900 in 2012, according to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

After years of pressure from corporate governance activists unhappy about big payouts, many companies have revamped their compensation formulas. They have awarded a bigger chunk of compensation in stock to align pay more closely to performance, become more transparent about how compensation decisions are made and in some cases promised to claw back pay from fired executives.

Shareholder activists say the changes are a step in the right direction, yet they argue that CEO pay remains too high and that there is still too much incentive to focus on short-term results.

The highest paid CEO was Leslie Moonves of CBS, who made $60.3 million. He beat the second-place finisher handily: David Zaslav of Discovery Communications, who made $49.9 million. Five of the 10 highest-paid CEOs were from the entertainment and media industry.

For the fourth year in five, health care CEOs received the highest median pay at $11.1 million, while utility CEOs had the lowest at $7.5 million. The median value is the midpoint; half the CEOs in that group made more and half less.

The median pay for women CEOs was higher than it was for men—$11.2 million compared with $9.6 million—although only 3 percent of the companies analyzed were run by women. Irene Rosenfeld of Mondelez International, the snack giant that was spun off from Kraft Foods last year, was the highest-paid female CEO, taking in $22 million.

The biggest changes in compensation last year came from stock, which increased 17.2 percent, and from stock options, which declined by 16 percent. Over the past five years, the amount of compensation that comes from stock has risen from 31.7 percent to 44.3 percent, while the amount from stock options has fallen from 31.9 percent to 17.6 percent. Shareholders tend to favor stock compensation because it can be tied to metrics like revenue and earnings, whereas the value of stock options depends only on the stock price.

Salary and perks rose last year, while bonuses fell. As a proportion of total pay, bonuses accounted for 23.8 percent, salary 10.4 percent and perks 3.8 percent.

The third straight year of rising pay coincided with an improving economy and an increase in corporate revenue, profits and stock prices. The S&P 500 index rose 13.4 percent last year. The median profit increase at the companies in the Equilar study was 6.1 percent, and the median revenue gain was 7.6 percent.

With the economy on steadier footing and the stock market surging, the debate over CEO pay is settling into more of a simmer than a boil. Companies cut CEO pay in 2008 and 2009 amid investors' white-hot anger over the losses they suffered during the financial crisis.

Perks on top of big salaries

NEW YORK (AP)—Wynn Resorts pays for founder and CEO Steve Wynn's residence at its tony Las Vegas hotel and casino at a cost of nearly $452,000.

Former IBM CEO Samuel Palmisano was guaranteed an administrative assistant and furnished office for life as a retirement gift—plus a $1 million office renovation.

Chipmaker Advanced Micro Devices bought the house CEO Rory Read struggled to sell for $790,000—and gave him another $180,000 to cover his underwater mortgage.

These are not uncommon extravagances in the exclusive world of CEO perks, replete with bodyguards, chauffeurs and private jets. Last year, the median value of perks received by CEOs of big public companies was nearly $162,000, an increase of more than 9 percent, according to executive pay research firm Equilar. Perks declined in 2009, but have risen for three straight years.

Last year, companies paid for their CEOs' country club memberships, let them use corporate planes for personal travel and gave them health care plans better than their employees, among other perks.

Some corporate governance experts say giving perks to executives already making millions just exacerbates the public perception—fair or not—that they're more interested in lining their pockets than helping the company.

"They might do without a plane," says Brandon Rees, acting director at the investment office of the AFL-CIO union group, referring to CEOs' use of company planes for personal travel. "And instead invest it in (research and development)."

Companies tend to defend perks as legitimate business expenses that ultimately benefit shareholders: Flying on private planes keeps the executives safe. Country club memberships help them network. An attractive package helps a company lure the best talent.

"It is in the company's best interest if that person doesn't have to think about daily things as much as you or I might need to," says Jay Meschke, president of CBIZ Human Capital Services, a compensation and human resources consultant outside Kansas City, Mo. "You want to make sure that 100 percent of this person's efforts are devoted to the company's success."

Wynn Resorts calls CEO Wynn its "creative and organizational force," and says having him "in residence" at the Wynn Las Vegas "is a tremendous benefit to our guests and shareholders." The company says Wynn spends most of his time at the resort, and doesn't own a home in Las Vegas.

IBM says that giving the retiring CEO an office and administrative support is consistent with past practice, but declined to comment further. Advanced Micro Devices says that buying Read's old home helped speed up his transition to AMD from Lenovo, where he was chief operating officer.

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Procurement and Delivery of Thirty (30) Proximity Fire Coats and Proximity Fire Pants for the Saipan International Airport Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) Department
Project No. CPA-RFP-005-13

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting for sealed proposals for procurement and delivery of thirty (30) brand new Globe G-XCEL Proximity Jacket and thirty (30) Globe Proximity Fire Pants to the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Department at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

All responses to this RFP shall also take into account any and all shipping and handling charges and taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract, including excise tax. Size information can be picked up at the CPA Administration Office, 2nd floor of the Saipan International Airport's Arrival Terminal. Additional details are as follows:

Globe G-XCEL Proximity Jacket
1. NFPA Compliant
2. Up to 32" Length
3. Seven (7) ounce PBI/Kevlar Aluminized Outer Shell
4. 82 Aralite NP Quilt Thermal Liner
5. CrossTech 2 Moisture Barrier
6. Zipper Inner Closure/Velcro Outer Closure
7. Dual Action Cargo Pockets, 9" x 9" with Hand Warmers
8. Self-Material Reinforced Elbows
9. PBI Hand and Wrist Guards
10. 13P Radio Pocket on Left Chest, 3" x 3.5" x 9" with Antenna Notch on Left Side
11. DRD Drag Rescue Device
12. Telescoping Cuffs
13. Action Back
14. Thermally Enhanced Upper Body and Elbows
15. 12" Throat Tab
16. All other standard features of the G-X-CEL
17. Up to Size 58

Globe Proximity Fire Pants
1. NFPA Compliant
2. Seven (7) Ounce PBIO/Kevlar Aluminized Outer Shell
3. 82 Aralite Thermal Liner
4. Stedair Moisture Barrier
5. 6" Back Bib
6. 2" x 10" x 10" Cargo Pockets
7. Expansion Knees
8. Flared Leg Design
9. Arashield Cuffs
10. Reverse Boot Cut
11. Replaceable Self Material Knees with Sewn on Frame
12. "H" Back Suspenders
13. Up to Size 58

CPA will not accept any substitutions to the specified jackets and pants. Proposers shall submit based on the specifications listed above only. Any proposals with substitutions will not be entertained.

One original and three copies of proposal must be in a sealed envelope marked with the respective RFP description and submitted to the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd floor of the Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, no later than **4:30 p.m., Monday, June 10, 2013.**

The proposals shall include the following:

- Letter of Interest;
- Delivery timeframe;
- Cost Proposal (in itemized scope of work format); and
- Valid CNMI Business License.

Inquiries regarding this Request for Proposals shall be delivered to the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority at the Saipan International Airport, faxed to (670) 234-5962 or emailed to cpa.admin@pticom.com by no later than Friday, May 24, 2013.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations. CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

/s/ EDWARD M. DELEON GUERRERO
Executive Director

Date: May 16, 2013

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
This ad is paid for by NMHC funds.

Notice is hereby given that the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) is the agency authorized to allocate Low Incoming Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) in the CNMI. The United States 1986 Tax Reform Act created the federal low-income housing tax credit program under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code (Code) to assist with the development of low-income rental housing by providing qualified owners with credit to offset their federal tax obligations. The LIHTC is available to owners/developers of qualifying buildings and projects that meet certain low-income occupancy and rent restrictions.

Section 42 of the Code provides that the CNMI prepare a Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) to determine housing priorities and to give preference to projects serving the lowest income tenants and projects obligated to serve qualified tenants for the longest periods. The QAP must incorporate selection criteria, which includes project location, housing need characteristics, sponsor characteristics, tenant populations with special needs, and public housing waiting lists.

NMHC has developed a QAP and is available at NMHC's office. The QAP describes the basis that NMHC will use to allocate LIHTCs. NMHC may allocate **$2,590,000.00** in LIHTCs for the 2013 program year; in addition, NMHC has **$2,562,097** under the State's Unused Housing Credit Ceiling Carryover Allocation.

Application for LIHTCs

Owners/Developers wishing to apply for the LIHTCs should obtain and complete a LIHTC Application. The LIHTC Application may be obtained from NMHC's Office in Garapan, Saipan, MP 96950 or through our website at www.nmhc.gov.mp.

Owners/Developers must file the completed LIHTC Application along with the **$1,000.00 Application Fee** in NMHC's Office by the Application Deadline of **4:30 pm, August 30, 2013**. NMHC staff will review the application and will notify the Owner/Developer of any deficiencies by 15 days time or **September 16, 2013**. The owner/developer will be given 14 days to correct any deficiencies. Any corrections or supplemental information requested by NMHC must be received by **September 30, 2013**. The projects will be scored and recommendations made to the NMHC Board of Directors for approval at its **October 2013** Board Meeting.

Notification of Awards

NMHC will notify Owners/Developers of the projects receiving LIHTCs thirty (30) days following the October 2013 Board of Directors meeting. The reservation letter must be signed and returned to NMHC by no later than thirty (30) days from the date of notification.

For more information on this program, please contact NMHC at 234-6866/7670/7689/9447.

/s/ **JESSE S. PALACIOS**
Corporate Director

NMHC will make necessary arrangements for persons with disabilities or persons requiring interpreters upon prior notification. Should you require such arrangements, please contact Ms. Jocelyn C. Seman at telephone numbers 234-6866/7670/7689/9447.

Nation

4 Americans killed since 2009 in US drone strikes

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Obama administration acknowledged for the first time Wednesday that four American citizens have been killed in drone strikes in Pakistan and Yemen since 2009. The disclosure to Congress comes on the eve of a major national security speech by President Barack Obama in which he plans to pledge more transparency to Congress in his counterterrorism policy.

It was already known that three Americans had been killed in U.S. drones strikes in counterterrorism operations overseas, but Attorney General Eric Holder disclosed details that had remained secret and also that a fourth American had been killed.

In a letter to Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, Holder said that the government targeted and killed U.S. citizen Anwar al-Awlaki and that the U.S. "is aware" of the killing of three others who were not targets of counterterror operations.

Obama

Al-Awlaki, a radical Muslim cleric, was killed in a drone strike in September 2011 in Yemen. The other two known cases are Samir Khan, who was killed in the same drone strike as al-Awlaki and al-Awlaki's 16-year-old son, Abdulrahman, a Denver native, who also was killed in Yemen.

The newly revealed case is that of Jude Kenan Mohammed, one of eight men indicted by federal authorities in 2009, accused of being part of a plot to attack the U.S. Marine Corps base at Quantico, Va. Before he could be arrested, Mohammad fled the country to join jihadi fighters in the tribal areas of Pakistan, where he was among those killed by a U.S. drone.

"Since entering office, the president has made clear his commitment to providing Congress and the American people with as much information as possible about our sensitive counterterrorism operations," Holder said in his letter to Leahy, D-Vt. "To this end, the president has directed me to disclose certain information that until now has been properly classified."

TWO DAYS LATER AP

Eric Lowery looks at tornado-ravaged vehicles while retrieving items from his mohter's car at a destroyed strip mall Wednesday, May 22, 2013, in Moore, Okla. Cleanup continues two days after a huge tornado roared through the Oklahoma City suburb, flattening a wide swath of homes and businesses.

Broke no laws, IRS official says—then takes 5th

WASHINGTON (AP)—At the center of a political storm, an Internal Revenue Service supervisor whose agents targeted conservative groups swore Wednesday she did nothing wrong, broke no laws and never lied to Congress. Then she refused to answer lawmakers' further questions, citing her Fifth Amendment right not to incriminate herself.

Lerner

In one of the most electric moments since the IRS controversy erupted nearly two weeks ago, Lois Lerner unwaveringly—but briefly—defended herself before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. But she would say no more, citing legal advice in the face of a federal investigation.

Members of Congress have angrily complained that Lerner and other high-ranking IRS officials did not inform them that conservative groups were singled out, even though lawmakers repeatedly asked the IRS about it after hearing complaints from local tea party groups.

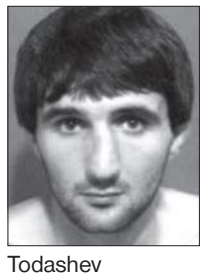
The Justice Department has launched a criminal probe of the murky events over the 2010 and 2012 election campaigns, saying it is looking into potential civil rights violations. Top IRS officials say Lerner didn't tell them for nearly a year after she learned that agents working under her had improperly singled out conservative groups for additional scrutiny when they applied for tax-exempt status.

Under unrelenting criticism—most forcefully from Republicans but also from Democrats and people outside politics—administration officials from President Barack Obama on down have denounced the targeting as inappropriate and inexcusable.

Lerner, who heads the IRS division that handles applications for tax-exempt status and first disclosed the targeting at a legal conference, has said the same. But she also spoke up for herself Wednesday, sitting stern-faced at the committee witness table.

Man shot to death while questioned in Boston probe

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—A Chechen immigrant was shot to death by authorities in central Florida early Wednesday after he turned violent while being questioned about his ties to one of the Boston Marathon bombing suspects, officials said.


Todashev

Ibragim Todashev, a 27-year-old mixed martial arts fighter, was fatally shot at his Orlando townhouse during a meeting with an FBI agent and two Massachusetts state troopers, authorities said. The agent was taken to a hospital with injuries that were not life-threatening.

Three law enforcement officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Todashev had lunged at the FBI agent with a knife. However, two of those officials said later in the day it was no longer clear what had happened. The third official had not received any new information.

The FBI gave no details on why it was interested in Todashev except to say that he was being questioned as part of the Boston investigation. However, two officials briefed on the investigation said he had implicated himself as having been involved in a 2011 triple-slaying in the Boston suburb of Waltham that authorities believe may have been connected to one of the men behind the bombings.

Several of Todashev's former roommates who were questioned said that he knew the older bombing suspect, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, from mixed martial arts fighting in Boston and that the FBI was asking about him.

Public records show Todashev lived in Watertown, Mass., just outside Boston, last year.

Tamerlan Tsarnaev, an aspiring boxer, was killed in a shootout with police days after the April 15 bombings. His younger brother, Dzhokhar, survived and is charged with carrying out the attack that killed three people and wounded more than 260. He's also charged in the slaying of an MIT police officer days later.

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
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INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: IFB13-CHCC-108

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: JUNE 03, 2013 TIME: 09:30 A.M.

"PURCHASE OF TWO (2) PORTABLE ULTRASOUND MACHINE FOR THE COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION"

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DR., SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

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/S/ **ESTHER L. MUNA**
INTERIM, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER-CHCC

/S/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**
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"PURCHASE OF EIGHT (8) AED PROFESSIONAL UNITS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION"

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ITB NO.: IFB13-CHCC-115

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: JUNE 03, 2013 TIME: 11:00 A.M.

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LAND ASSIGNMENT

1. **LAND AND BUILDING ASSIGNMENT:** PICTURE ABOVE WITH POKER BUSINESS AND FORMER PIC LAUNDRY
   LAND AREA: 757 SQ.M
   LOCATED AT SAN ANTONIO ACROSS PAKPAK BEACH NEAR PIC HOTEL AND PIC STAFF BARRACKS
2. **LAND AND BUILDING ASSIGNMENT:**
   WITH 3 COMMERCIAL UNITS AND HOUSE
   ALL UNITS WITH TENANT
   LAND AREA: 697 SQ. M
   LOCATED AT BEACH ROAD GARAPAN NEXT TO CENTURY INSURANCE BUILDING AND SAIPAN TRIBUNE
3. **LAND ASSIGNMENT:** CONSIST OF 2 LOTS
   LAND AREA: LAND (A): 737 SQ.M **LAND (B):** 779 SQ.M
   LAND AND BUILDING ASSIGNMENT
   LOCATED ACROSS 13TH FISHERMAN MONUMENT AND NEXT TO MARAIANAS EYE CLINIC
4. **LAND AND BUILDING ASSIGNMENT:** CONSIST OF 2 LOTS WITH 4 COMMERCIAL UNIT, FORMERLY NIKO LAUNDRY AND NIKO MARKET
   AND 3 RESIDENTIAL UNITS
   LAND AREA: LAND (A) 1124 SQ.M, **LAND (B)** 1111 SQ. M
   LOCATED AT SAN ROQUE BEFORE PALM RESORT AND FORMER LA FIESTA
5. **LAND AND HOUSE ASSIGNMENT**
   LAND AREA: 5,000 SQ. M
   LOCATED AT DANDAN NEAR DANDAN GOLF RANGE
6. **LAND AND BUILDING ASSIGNMENT**
   LAND AREA: 972 SQ.M
   LOCATED AT KOBLERVILLE NEXT TO ST. JUDE CHURCH AND CYA STORE
7. **HOUSE FOR RENT:**
   1. STUDIO TYPE WITH RESTROOM & KITCHEN:$200/MO
   2. (2) BEDROOM HOUSE WITH RESTROOM & SPACIOUS SALA: $300/MO
   * UTILITIES NOT INCLUDED
   LOCATED IN SAN ROQUE

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Attorney for Plaintiff

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF SAIPAN, INC., Plaintiff,	**CIVIL ACTION NO.: 12-0042**
v.	**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**
MA. CAROLINE GARON, Defendants.	

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on January 24, 2013, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, all of the right and leasehold interest of Defendant in and to the following real property:

Lot 010 K 217, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 010 K 01, the original of which was recorded August 19, 1987 as Document No. 87-2909 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

1. Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale is open to the general public (including the Defendant), and will be held on **Tuesday, May 28, 2013**, at the hour of **1:30 p.m. at the entrance to the Law Offices of S. Joshua Berger, 2nd Floor, D'Torres Building, Garapan, Saipan.** Registration for the auction sale will begin at 1:00 p.m.

2. Change of Terms and Conditions. The undersigned reserves the right to change the terms hereof by announcement, written or oral, before the auction date and time or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, will be binding on all bidders by constructive notice.

DATED, this 6th day of May, 2013.

/s/ Micheline W. Brel
MICHELINE W. BREL, Auctioneer

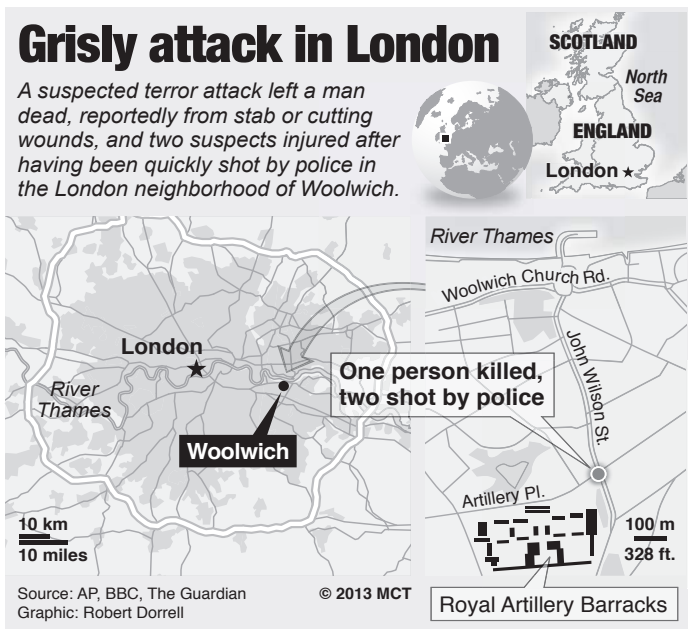
World

Brutal attack in London heightens terror fears

LONDON (AP)—Two men with butcher knives hacked another to death Wednesday near a London military barracks and one then went on video to explain the crime—shouting political statements, gesturing with bloodied hands and waving a meat cleaver. Soon after, arriving police shot and wounded the unidentified assailants and took them into custody.

The brutal daylight attack galvanized this city and raised fears that terrorism had returned to London.

Authorities did not identify the victim by name, but French President Francois Hollande referred to him as a "soldier" at a news conference in Paris with visiting British Prime Minister David Cameron. Cameron would not confirm that, but British media reported that the victim was wearing a shirt in support of troops and Britain's Ministry of Defense said it was investigating whether a U.K. soldier was involved.



Calling it "an appalling murder," Cameron said there were "strong indications" it was an act of terrorism, and two other officials said there were signs the attack was motivated by radical Islam.

The Cabinet's emergency committee was immediately convened and security was stepped up at army barracks across London. Cameron cut short his Paris trip to return to London and his office said he would chair another session Thursday.

The incident unfolded Wednesday afternoon when officers responded to reports of an assault just a few blocks from the Royal Artillery Barracks in the neighborhood of Woolwich.

Images from the scene showed a blue car that appeared to have been used in the attack, its hood crushed and rammed into a signpost on a sidewalk that was smeared with blood. A number of weapons—including butchers' knives, a machete and a meat cleaver—were strewn on the street.

While there were moments of chaos—one local primary school went into lockdown when a teacher saw the victim's body—the scene was striking in its normalcy. Pedestrians milled about with grocery bags and shopping carts as a body lay motionless in the street—and the attackers remained on the scene, wielding long knives.

One British broadcaster ran video taken on a cellphone of what appeared to be one of the attackers, his hands covered in blood, making political statements about "an eye for an eye" as a body lay behind him.

Japanese climber Miura, 80, becomes oldest atop Everest

AP

In this May 22, 2013 photo distributed by Miura Dolphins Co. Ltd., 80-year-old Japanese extreme skier Yuichiro Miura, right, and his son, Gota pose at their South Col camp at 8,000 meters (26,247 feet) before their departure for Camp 5 during their attempt to scale the summit of Mount Everest.

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP)—An 80-year-old Japanese mountaineer became the oldest person to reach the top of Mount Everest on Thursday—although his record may last only a few days. An 81-year-old Nepalese man, who held the previous record, plans his own ascent next week.

Yuichiro Miura, who also conquered the 29,035-foot (8,850-meter) peak when he was 70 and 75, reached the summit at 9:05 a.m. local time, according to a Nepalese mountaineering official and Miura's Tokyo-based support team.

Miura and his son Gota made a phone call from the summit, prompting his daughter Emili to smile broadly and clap her hands in footage on Japanese public broadcaster NHK.

"I made it!" Miura said over the phone. "I never imagined I could make it to the top of Mount Everest at age 80. This is the world's best feeling, although I'm totally exhausted. Even at 80, I can still do quite well."

The climbers were going to take pictures at the summit before starting to descend, his office said.

Nepalese mountaineering official Gyanendra Shrestha, at Everest base camp, confirmed that Miura had reached the summit and is the oldest person to do so.

The previous oldest was Nepal's Min Bahadur Sherchan, who accomplished the feat at age 76 in 2008, just a day before Miura reached the top at age 75.

Sherchan, now 81, was preparing to scale the peak next week despite digestive problems he suffered several days ago. On Wednesday, Sherchan said by telephone from the base camp that he was in good health and "ready to take up the challenge."

Sherchan's team leader Temba, who uses one name, said he would congratulate the new record holder once he returned to the base camp and that Sherchan would not turn back until he completes his mission.

Sherchan's team is also facing financial difficulties. It hasn't received the financial help that the Nepal government announced it would provide them. Purna Chandra Bhattarai, chief of Nepal's mountaineering department, said the aid proposal was still under consideration.

On his expedition's website, Miura explained his attempt to scale Everest at such an advanced age: "It is to challenge (my) own ultimate limit. It is to honor the great Mother Nature."

He said a successful climb would raise the bar for what is possible.

"And if the limit of age 80 is at the summit of Mt. Everest, the highest place on earth, one can never be happier," he said.

Submerged structure stumps Israeli archaeologists

TIBERIAS, Israel (AP)—The massive circular structure appears to be an archaeologists dream: a recently discovered antiquity that could reveal secrets of ancient life in the Middle East and is just waiting to be excavated.

It's thousands of years old—a conical, manmade behemoth weighing hundreds of tons, practically begging to be explored.

The problem is—it's at the bottom of the biblical Sea of Galilee. For now, at least, Israeli researchers are left stranded on dry land, wondering what finds lurk below.

The monumental structure, made of boulders and stones with a diameter of 70 meters (230 feet), emerged from a routine sonar scan in 2003. Now archaeologists are trying to raise money to allow them access to the submerged stones.

"It's very enigmatic, it's very interesting, but the bottom line is we don't know when it's from, we don't know what it's connected to, we don't know its function," said Dani Nadel, an archaeologist at the University of Haifa who is one of several researchers studying the discovery. "We only know it is there, it is huge and it is unusual."

Archaeologists said the only way they can properly assess the structure is through an underwater excavation, a painstakingly slow process that can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. And if an excavation were to take place, archaeologists said they believed it would be the first in the Sea of Galilee, an ancient lake that boasts historical remnants spanning thousands of years and is the setting of many Bible scenes.

In contrast, Israeli researchers have carried out many excavations in the Mediterranean and Red Seas.

Much of the researchers' limited knowledge about this structure comes from the sonar scan a decade ago.

Initial dives shortly after that revealed a few details. In an article in the International Journal of Nautical Archaeology published earlier this year, Nadel and fellow researchers disclosed it was asymmetrical, made of basalt boulders and that "fish teem around the structure and between its blocks."

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Salary commensurate with experience. Tel. 323-8735

Job Vacancy Announcement
Audit Manager (1)

Open: May 13, 2013
Closed: May 27, 2013
FLSA Status: Exempt

The CNMI Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) is looking for an Audit Manager. Detailed information about the qualification requirements for the position and employment application may be obtained at the OPA website: http://www.opacnmi.com.

Interested applicants must submit all the required information by mail, email, or hand delivery at the office/email addresses listed below. Submission must be marked confidential and must have the applicant's name and returned address.

Office of the Public Auditor
1236 Yap Drive, Capitol Hill
P.O. Box 501399, Saipan MP 96950
Email: mail@opacnmi.com

Job Vacancy Announcement
Paralegal (1)

Open: May 22, 2013
Closed: June 05, 2013
FLSA Status: Exempt

The CNMI Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) is looking for a Paralegal. Detailed information about the qualification requirements for the position and employment application may be obtained at the OPA website: http://www.opacnmi.com.

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Off the Wall

Ferris wheel ride world record broken

AP

In this June 13, 2012 photo, visitors ride on the Ferris Wheel and Wave Swinger at Chicago's nearly century-old Navy Pier.

CHICAGO (AP)—A manager of Chicago's Navy Pier rode the tourist spot's Ferris wheel for more than two days—384 times, up and around—bringing the world record for the longest ride to the birthplace of the amusement park favorite.

"I thought Chicago should have that title," Clinton Shepherd said after finishing his record-breaking ride on Sunday. Shepherd, the park operations manager, spent 48 hours, 8 minutes and 25 seconds riding Navy Pier's Ferris wheel over the weekend.

The first Ferris wheel was built in 1893 in Chicago for the World's Columbian Exposition.

Guinness World Records allowed him to have one five-minute break each hour. He played hours of videogames to stay awake during the ride, and watched James Bond and Batman movies. His gondola on the wheel was specially outfitted with a big-screen TV, cushions and curtains.

Supporters followed him on Twitter. A video camera recorded the feat while volunteer timekeepers documented Shepherd's activities.

Fans could join Shepherd for a spin by making a donation to the USO. Shepherd's girlfriend rode with him Saturday for a candlelight anniversary dinner with food from a Chicago restaurant owned by Michael Jordan.

The 32-year-old Shepherd called his adventure "a very overwhelming experience" that was made easier by the support of friends, family and the city of Chicago.

"I was thrilled and honored to be able to have all the love and support I did," Shepherd said.

The previous record was 30 hours and 35 seconds. Shepherd said he didn't want to simply beat the record, "I wanted to shatter it."

"It was little rough at about three in the morning, but the more I kept busy, the better," Shepherd said.

He said his legs felt wobbly after the ride.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Thailand urged to explore edible insect market

BANGKOK (AP)—Researchers say Thailand is showing the world how to respond to the global food crisis: by raising bugs for eating. The United Nations' Food and Agricultural Organization released a study and handbook Tuesday on what they call `six-legged livestock'—edible bugs and worms that can help meet global food demand that is expected to grow 60 percent by 2050. The agency says they provide a rich source of protein, vitamins and minerals. The study was conducted in Thailand, where insects including crickets, grasshoppers and bamboo worms have long been a part of diets, especially in rural areas. Entomologist Yupa Hanboonsong says about 200 insect species are eaten in Thailand. Cricket farming alone is already a $30 million industry there, but only a few other species have been commercially marketed.

Funeral home has bicycle hearse for 1 last ride

EUGENE, Ore. (AP)—An Oregon funeral home in Eugene offers natural burials where the ride to the person's final resting place is on the back of a three-wheeled bicycle. Sunset Hills Cemetery and Funeral Home director Wade Lind says he got the idea from bikers and designed the pedal-powered hearse himself. It has an electric motor to give him a little help hauling the casket. KVAL reports that Lind has bicycled five bodies so far and there's a waiting list for the service. The ride and a bamboo casket that looks like a basket costs about $3,500.

Birth of anteater has Conn. zoo staff puzzled

GREENWICH, Conn. (AP)—An anteater has given birth at a Connecticut conservation center, prompting officials there to wonder how the mother conceived. Officials at the LEO Zoological Conservation Center tell the Greenwich Time they had removed the only male anteater from the enclosure in August, long before the six-month gestation period for baby Archie would have begun. They feared that male, Alf, would kill another baby in the pen. That left the mother Armani, and the young female, Alice, in the enclosure. But little Archie was born in April anyway. Marcella Leone, founder and director of the conservation center, suspects this might be a rare case of delayed implantation, when fertilized eggs remain dormant in the uterus for a period of time.

Alaska man runs onto frozen lake to avoid jail

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Anchorage police say a young man who didn't want to return to jail ran out onto the uncertain ice of an Alaska lake to escape officers armed with an arrest warrant. Police spokeswoman Dani Myren says officers were sufficiently concerned about the thickness of the ice covering Cheney lake that none of them wanted to venture onto it. So a standoff ensued. KTUU-TV reports that police negotiators and Fire Department dive teams were staging on the lakeshore when the young man finally surrendered late Thursday afternoon. Myren says officers went to a home earlier in the afternoon to serve 19-year-old Siaosi Sila with a warrant alleging failure to comply with probation conditions. The spokeswoman says Sila saw police as he approached the home in a vehicle, bailed out and headed for the lake. It wasn't immediately clear why he was on probation.

Science & Technology

The new line of consoles from Microsoft, Nintendo and Sony

NEW YORK (AP)—Microsoft is the last of the three big video game console makers to unveil its latest gaming system. The unveiling comes nearly eight years after the Xbox 360 went on sale. It follows last fall's debut of Nintendo's Wii U and a preview in February of the upcoming PlayStation 4 from Sony.

Each machine has a set of features designed to draw gamers away from rival consoles. There's one thing all three have in common, though: They are about more than gaming and include entertainment services such as television, movies and music.

Here's a closer look at the three systems.

Wii U (Nintendo)

The Japanese gaming company launched the Wii U, the follow-up to its popular Wii, in November, making it the only new console out for last year's holiday season. The console features a tablet-like controller with a touch screen, called the GamePad, which can be used to control games on the TV set or to play games separately, as you would on a regular tablet computer. It also allows someone with a GamePad to have a different experience with a game than someone playing it at the same time with a regular Wii controller.

The GamePad also serves as a fancy remote controller to navigate a TV-watching feature called TVii. The service groups your favorite shows and sports teams together, whether it's on live TV or an Internet video service such as Hulu Plus. And it offers water-cooler moments you can chat about on social media.

Unlike the Wii, the Wii U features high-definition graphics. In doing so, Nintendo's system catches up to the years-old Xbox 360 from Microsoft and the PlayStation 3 from Sony.

Sales of the Wii U have been disappointing, with 3.5 million sold as of March 31, the end of Nintendo's fiscal year. Nintendo Co. had originally expected to sell 5.5 million units and later lowered the forecast to 4 million, but it still fell short.

Price: Starts at $300 but some retailers have offered it at lower prices.

PlayStation 4 (Sony)

Sony shared some details about the PlayStation 4 in February, but it didn't show what the console would look like. The company said the PS4 would essentially be a "supercharged PC," much like the Xbox. That's a big departure from the old and idiosyncratic PlayStation design and should make it easier for developers to create games.

But the adoption of PC chips also means that the new console won't be able to play games created for any of the three previous PlayStations. Players will have to stream older games over the Internet.

Other new features revolve around social networking and remote access. With one button, you can broadcast video of your game play so friends elsewhere can watch. You can also run a game on the PS4 to stream over the Internet to Sony's mobile gaming device, the PlayStation Vita, which debuted last year.

AP

The new controller for Microsoft's next-generation Xbox One entertainment and gaming console system is shown front and center with older-generation controllers behind it, Tuesday, May 21, 2013, in Redmond, Wash.

The PlayStation online network will have access to Sony's video and music services, as well as Netflix, Hulu and Amazon—as long as you have subscriptions to those services. You'll also be able to access Facebook.

The PS4 will have a Blu-ray disc drive for movies, just like the PS3. The console will go on sale this holiday season, though Sony Corp. has not disclosed an exact date.

Price: Not yet announced.

Xbox One (Microsoft)

Microsoft's new console seeks to deliver the Holy Grail of home entertainment—an all-in-one device that lets you watch television, play movies, listen to music and browse the Internet as well as play video games.

The Xbox One lets you use voice commands to switch between watching TV and playing "Call of Duty," or ask "What's on HBO?" to view a TV channel guide. Simply connect your cable or satellite set-top box to the game machine with an HDMI cable.

A new version of Microsoft's camera-based Kinect controller offers better motion and voice detection than the one currently available. Unlike the Xbox 360, the Xbox One will require Kinect, which will come with the package.

Microsoft also reached a multi-year deal with the National Football League to develop new interactive viewing experiences, such as the ability to watch games, chat with other fans, view statistics, access highlights in real time and gather fantasy information about players and teams—all on a single screen.

Although Nintendo's Wii was the most popular of the three at first, the Xbox 360 has outsold its rivals in recent years largely because of its robust online service, Xbox Live, which allows people to play games with others online for as much as $60 a year with annual plans. Activision Blizzard Inc.'s "Call of Duty," has been a driving force behind Xbox Live, and Microsoft said players will be able to download new content for upcoming titles in the series on the Xbox One before any other system.

The new console will also add the ability to play Blu-ray discs, matching what Sony has in its older PlayStation 3. What it won't play are games for the Xbox 360.

Microsoft said the system will launch this year, but it did not give a date during Tuesday's unveiling.

Price: Not yet announced.

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Life & Style

Beatles' lyrics headed for British Library

LONDON (AP)—Shakespeare, the Magna Carta—and now some of John Lennon's finest lyrics.

The British Library on Wednesday added substantially to its already formidable collection with handwritten lyrics to Beatles' classics "Strawberry Fields Forever", "She Said She Said" and "In My Life."

Although these three songs are legally credited to Lennon and band mate Paul McCartney, the wistful, evocative lyrics are primarily associated with Lennon. The manuscripts and a number of Lennon's letters were donated to the library by Hunter Davies, a Beatles biographer with longtime connections to the Fab Four.

"The British Library is the perfect home for it," he said of his unmatched Beatles collection.

The library already had some rare Beatles material on display, including some scrawled partial lyrics to earlier songs written on hotel stationery during the band's tours. The new material, however, catches the band near the height of its creative powers, with Lennon's haunting lyrics often offset by McCartney's sunnier take on life.

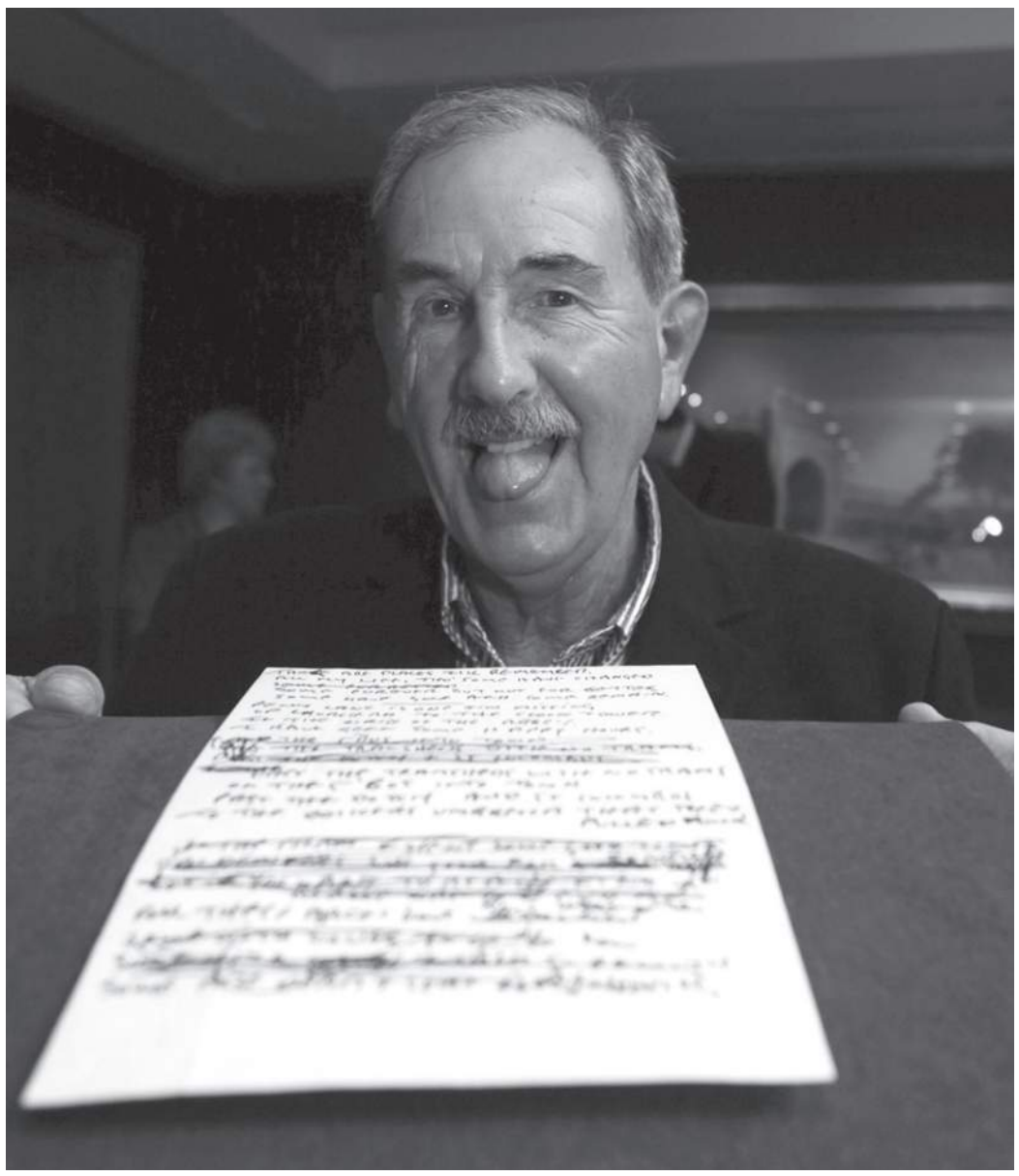
The foreboding "Strawberry Fields Forever" captures Lennon's ruminations about their childhood home of Liverpool, while McCartney's "Penny Lane"—the flip side of the single record—offers a much more cheerful take on the city of their youth.

Davies said he is pleased the unique collection will be kept together and put on public display. Library chief executive Roly Keating said the existing Beatles' material in the library's Treasures Gallery already draws throngs.

"Visitors from all over the world are thrilled to see such legendary lyrics in their very earliest draft form," he said.

In exchange for the gift, Davies will receive a reduction in his tax liability.

Handwritten lyrics by the band have recently sold for hundreds of thousands of dollars.



AP

Hunter Davies, Beatles biographer with a manuscript of the lyrics to "In My Life", during a photocall to announce a major Beatles acquisition for the British Library at the British Library in London Wednesday May 22, 2013.

US restaurant learns Web reviews can make or break

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona (AP)—It was the customer service disaster heard around the Internet.

A restaurateur in Arizona, fed up after years of negative online reviews and an embarrassing appearance on a reality television show, allegedly posted a social media rant laced with salty language and angry, uppercase letters that quickly went viral last week, to the delight of people who love a good Internet meltdown.

"I AM NOT STUPID ALL OF YOU ARE," read the posting on the Facebook wall of Amy's Baking Co. in Scottsdale, Arizona. "YOU JUST DO NOT KNOW GOOD FOOD."

It was, to put it kindly, not a best business practice. Add to that an appearance earlier this month on the Fox reality TV show "Kitchen Nightmares"—where British celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay gave up on trying to reform the restaurant after the owners refused to listen to his advice—and you have a recipe for disaster.

"That's probably the worst thing that can happen," said Sujan Patel, founder and CEO of Single Grain, a digital marketing agency in San Francisco.

In the evolving world of online marketing, where the power of word of mouth has been wildly amplified by the whims and first impressions of anonymous reviewers posting on dozens of social media websites, online comments, both good and bad, and the reactions they trigger from managers, can make all the difference between higher revenues and empty storefronts.

Hotels, restaurants and other businesses that depend on good customer service reviews have all grappled in recent years with how to respond to online feedback on sites such as Twitter, Foursquare, Yelp, Facebook and Instagram, where comments can often be more vitriol than in-person reviews because of the anonymous shield many social media websites provide.

No matter how ugly the reviews get, businesses need to be willing to acknowledge mistakes and offer discounts to lure unhappy customers back, digital marketing experts said.

"In the past, people just sent bad soup back. Well, now they are getting on social media and telling all their friends and friends of friends how bad the soup was and why they should find other places to get soup in the future, so it takes the customer experience to another level," said Tom Garrity of the Garrity Group, a public relations firm in New Mexico.

"The challenge becomes—how do you respond when someone doesn't think your food or product is as great as you think it is?"

In Amy and Samy Bouzaglo's case, the bad reviews were compounded by their reality TV experience. The couple said during a recent episode of "Kitchen Nightmares" that they needed professional guidance after years of battling terrible online reviews. They opened the pizzeria about six years ago.

"Kitchen Nightmares" follows Ramsay as he helps rebuild struggling restaurants. After one bite, he quickly deemed Amy's Baking Co. a disaster and chided the Bouzaglos for growing increasingly irate over his constructive feedback. Among his many critiques: The store-bought ravioli smelled "weird," a salmon burger was overcooked and a fig pizza was too sweet and arrived on raw dough.

"You need thick skin in this business," Ramsay said before walking out. It was the first time he wasn't able to save a business, according to the show.

Amy's Baking Co. temporarily closed last week after the episode aired. A Bouzaglo spokesman said the couple wasn't available for an interview. The restaurant's answering machine was full. Emails and Facebook messages were not returned.

A wall post published last week claimed the restaurant's Facebook, Yelp and Twitter accounts had been hacked, but hundreds of commenters expressed doubt. Social media sites show someone posting as a member of the Bouzaglo family had been insulting customers over negative reviews since at least 2010.

Ryan Gosling breaks Cannes' heart, misses premiere

CANNES, France (AP)—The Cannes Film Festival is missing one of its biggest stars of this year's festival: Ryan Gosling.

The 32-year-old Canadian actor was unable to attend the premiere Wednesday of director Nicolas Winding Refn's film "Only God Forgives." Gosling stars in the Bangkok noir about a boxing club owner pressured by his mother to his avenge his brother's murder.

At a press conference Wednesday, Cannes director Thierry Fremaux read a letter from Gosling apologizing for his absence. The actor is currently in Detroit shooting his directorial debut, "How to Catch a Monster."

"Can't believe I'm not In Cannes," Gosling wrote. "I was hoping to come but I'm on week three shooting my film in Detroit. Miss you all. Nicolas, my friend, we really are the same persons in different dimensions. I'm sending you good vibrations."

His absence is a blow to the festival, which depends on top stars like Gosling to walk its red carpet and draw the world's media attention to the annual French Riviera extravaganza.

Fremaux said he was sad that Gosling couldn't make it.

"He is not with us physically, but as he stated, his thoughts are with us," said Fremaux.

"Only God Forgives" was screened for the media early Wednesday at Cannes, where it drew mixed reviews for its extreme violence and nightmarish Greek tragedy. Refn, who also directed Gosling in 2011's "Drive," said he understood Gosling needing to stay with his production.

"I would never even do it if I was in his situation," said Refn. "One thing is being an actor. When you're directing, it's another arena.

"But I speak to him every day on the phone. In a way, he is here."

Germany celebrates Wagner's 200th anniv

BERLIN (AP)—Germany on Wednesday celebrated the 200th birthday of Richard Wagner, the 19th-century composer whose music has been hailed as sublime art at the height of Western culture even as he remains tainted by his visceral anti-Semitic views, which later found favor with the Nazis.

Wagner's birthplace of Leipzig, the nearby city of Dresden—where he was appointed chief conductor at the Saxon royal court—and Bayreuth, which hosts an annual festival of the composer's work, are all staging events this week in honor of his bicentennial.

German tenor Jonas Kaufmann starred in a concert by Dresden's Staatskapelle late Tuesday, with Christian Thielemann conducting parts of "Der Fliegende Hollaender," ''Lohengrin" and "Tannhaeuser" in front of an audience that included thousands gathered around the city's Semperoper opera house.

A monument to the composer—showing a young Wagner overshadowed by his older, famous self—was to be unveiled Wednesday in Leipzig. Later in the day some of his works will be performed in Bayreuth, where the composer's descendants preside over a Wagner festival every year.

The glut of Wagner celebrations, which include performances at major concert houses throughout the year, has been accompanied by a fresh examination of the composer's racist views.

Adolf Hitler was counted among the ardent fans of the man who once wrote: "I hold the Jewish race to be the born enemy of pure humanity and everything noble in it."

Wagner's association with the Nazis, even though he died 50 years before Hitler came to power, means Wagner's music is rarely played in Israel.

Writing in the German daily Die Welt, the composer's great-granddaughter Katharina Wagner said she wished she could ask him "where you got your terrible anti-Semitism from, which still casts a shadow, maybe even blackens your work today."

Earlier this month, a modern version of "Tannhauser" was cancelled in Germany after the opening-night audience complained about new scenes showing Jews being executed and dying in Holocaust gas chambers. The Duesseldorf opera company insisted that it never aimed to hurt viewers' feelings.

"This is not about mocking the victims, but mourning them," the director, Christoph Meyer, said.

Wedding thank-you note fails to deliver intended message

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I attended the wedding of the son of some old friends in another state. Rather than buy the young couple a gift, we instead gave them a check for $1,000. Imagine our astonishment when a month later the following arrived in our mailbox:

"Dear 'Loretta' and 'Evan,'

"Thank you for the generous donation. We really enjoyed spending that money. If ever you feel like you have too much of it, we would gladly take it off your hands.

"Love, 'Mason' and 'Candace'"

Abby, my husband and I have worked hard for many years in our business and have been blessed by the Lord. We are not millionaires. We were happy and humbled to be able to share with them—until we received this. The money wasn't a donation; it was a GIFT.

STUNG IN SIOUX CITY

DEAR STUNG: Let's hope the note you received was an unfortunate attempt at humor. While the message may have gone over like a lead balloon and I'm sure the parents would be beyond embarrassed if they knew, at least you received a thank-you for your generosity. I hear from many people who complain that their gifts were not acknowledged at all.

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DEAR ABBY: One of my co-workers takes company research presentation books into the restroom with him multiple times a day and spends upwards of half an hour in there with them. The unsanitary implications of this drive me batty.

I am not germophobic, but taking shared materials into the bathroom while you're doing your business is just too much for me. It's not like he's taking in a newspaper that can be tossed out; these are research materials that we must all share!

My co-worker told me I need to "get over it," that this is a "me" issue. Am I crazy or is taking shared workplace materials into the bathroom gross and inappropriate?

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DEAR WAITING: You are asking the wrong person this question. You should be asking the head of human resources or your boss.

I'm no germophobe either, but I agree that what your co-worker is doing is extremely inappropriate. You should not have to sanitize your hands after touching anything your co-worker might have touched, but that's what I'm suggesting you do.

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DEAR ABBY: I have many problems, but my biggest one is, how do I forgive someone so I can move on with my life?

It would take me forever to tell you everything that has been said and done. Forgiving sounds simple, but it is the hardest thing I have ever had to do. Can you help?

CHALLENGED IN ILLINOIS

DEAR CHALLENGED: If hate and resentment are eating away at you, then it is probably healthier for you to let go of it. Forgiving someone isn't doing something for someone else; it is a gift you give yourself that allows you to move forward with your life. Your religious adviser can help you—or, if you prefer, a licensed mental health counselor.

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SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Monroe's photos for Prague exhibition stolen

PRAGUE (AP)—A publicist for an upcoming Marilyn Monroe exhibition in Prague says that photographs of the star have been stolen. Alice Titzova of the PR agency 2media says the photos, stolen late Monday, were to be on display starting May 30 at the Prague Castle. Titzova says mannequins and display cases which were part of the exhibition also disappeared. There was no word Wednesday whether the exhibition will be delayed or canceled. The collection of various items including Monroe's dresses, shoes, photographs and diaries was assembled by curators at the Salvatore Ferragamo museum in Florence, Italy last year to mark the 50th anniversary of Monroe's death. After Prague, the exhibition was to be moved to Tokyo.

Top AEG lawyer referred to Jackson as 'freak'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Emails show a lawyer for the parent company of a concert promoter referred to Michael Jackson as a "freak" as the singer signed a contract for his ill-fated comeback shows. The emails were shown in court Wednesday by Brian Panish, an attorney for Jackson's mother. He says the messages indicate how the star was viewed by AEG Live LLC executives. Jackson was called a freak by Anschutz Entertainment Group General Counsel Ted Fikre in a message to AEG Live corporate lawyer Shawn Trell. In his reply, Trell described an upcoming meeting with Jackson as "kind of creepy." Jackson's mother is suing AEG claiming it failed to properly investigate the doctor who was convicted in 2011 of administering a fatal dose of the anesthetic propofol to Jackson.

NYC woman gets probation for stalking actress

NEW YORK (AP)—A New York City woman has been sentenced to probation for stalking French actress Marion Cotillard on the Internet. Teresa Yuan was sentenced Tuesday in Brooklyn federal court. She pleaded guilty last year. Prosecutors said Yuan sent 504 emails and 120 webcam videos of herself to a Cotillard fan website in 2011. The 32-year-old Yuan is being treated for bipolar disorder. The Daily News reports (http://nydn.us/10PDevQ) that Judge William Kuntz warned her to stay on her medications. In addition, the judge said she is allowed to use only one device with access to the Internet for easier monitoring by authorities. In videos shown in court Yuan appears to be topless, hisses like a cat and discusses playing Russian roulette. Yuan says she never meant to scare anybody.

Jennifer Lopez to open cellphone stores

NEW YORK (AP)—"Jenny from the Block" wants the block to buy Verizon phones from her.

Singer and actress Jennifer Lopez on Wednesday announced she's opening a chain of 15 cellphone stores and a website under the Viva Movil brand. The aim is to sell Verizon phones and services to Latinos.

The first store will open in New York on June 15, with others following in Los Angeles and Miami. The stores will have bilingual staff and provide a "culturally relevant shopping experience," Viva Movil said.

Viva Movil will be an authorized Verizon reseller, with the same prices and plans as regular Verizon stores.

Lopez is the majority owner and "chief creative officer" of Viva Movil. She said Viva Movil and its Facebook page will be a way for fans to connect with her.

"Latinos need a place to go and they need to be catered to because it is such a growing, growing demographic and market and people want to capture that, and they deserve to be catered to," Lopez said in an interview.

Lopez is no stranger to business. She owns a film and television production company and has launched clothing and perfume lines.

She said she wasn't looking specifically to get into wireless—"it was just one of those things where you sit down with people and you start spitballing."

AP

This Jan. 26, 2013 file photo released by Verizon Wireless shows singer Jennifer Lopez at the Verizon Wireless meet Jennifer Lopez Flyaway Contest in Santa Monica, Calif.

Piers Morgan writing book about life at CNN

NEW YORK (AP)—Piers Morgan is going behind the scenes.

The host of CNN's "Piers Morgan Live" has a deal with Gallery Books for "Shooting Straight: Guns, Gays, God, and George Clooney." Gallery, an imprint of Simon & Schuster, announced Wednesday that the book is scheduled for October.

Morgan

Morgan, in a statement issued by Gallery, promised a "warts and all" account of life at CNN and said the book would be like "'The Newsroom' on steroids," referring to the HBO series.

According to Gallery, the book will be written in the style of a real-time look into headline stories such as the killing of Osama bin Laden and the school shootings in Newtown, Connecticut. Morgan used a similar diary format for his 2005 book "The Insider," which detailed his years in British journalism.

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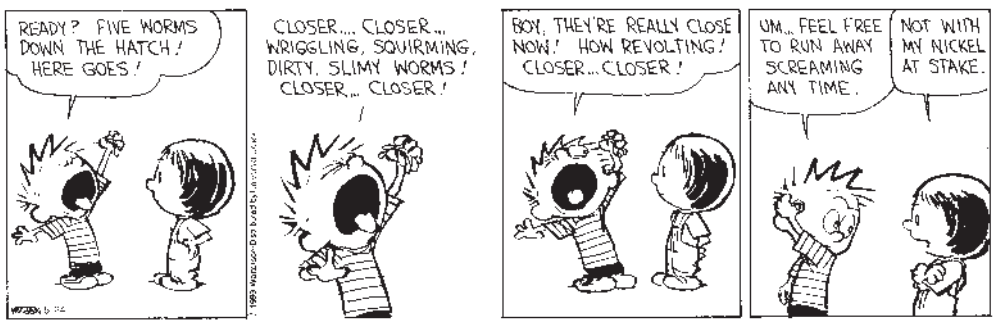
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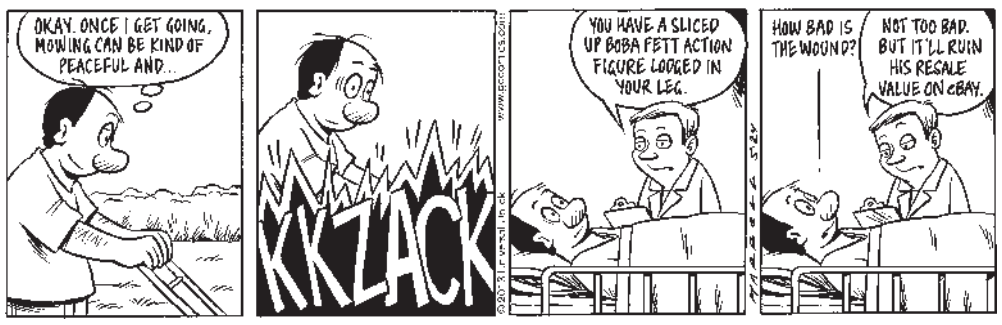
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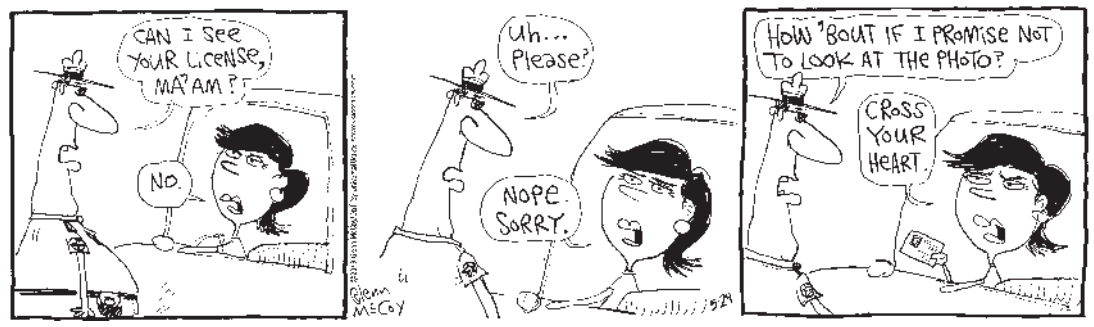

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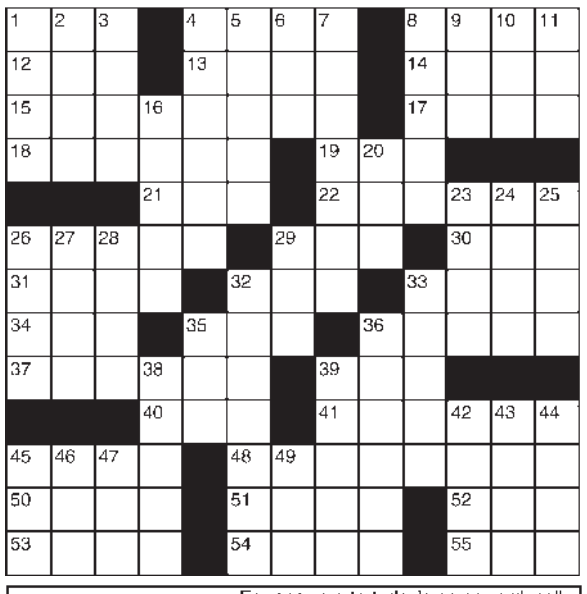

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LeBron saves Heat at buzzer of Game 1

MIAMI (AP)—LeBron James caught the inbounds pass, changed direction and immediately attacked the rim.

There was no one in his way.

There was no stopping him, either.

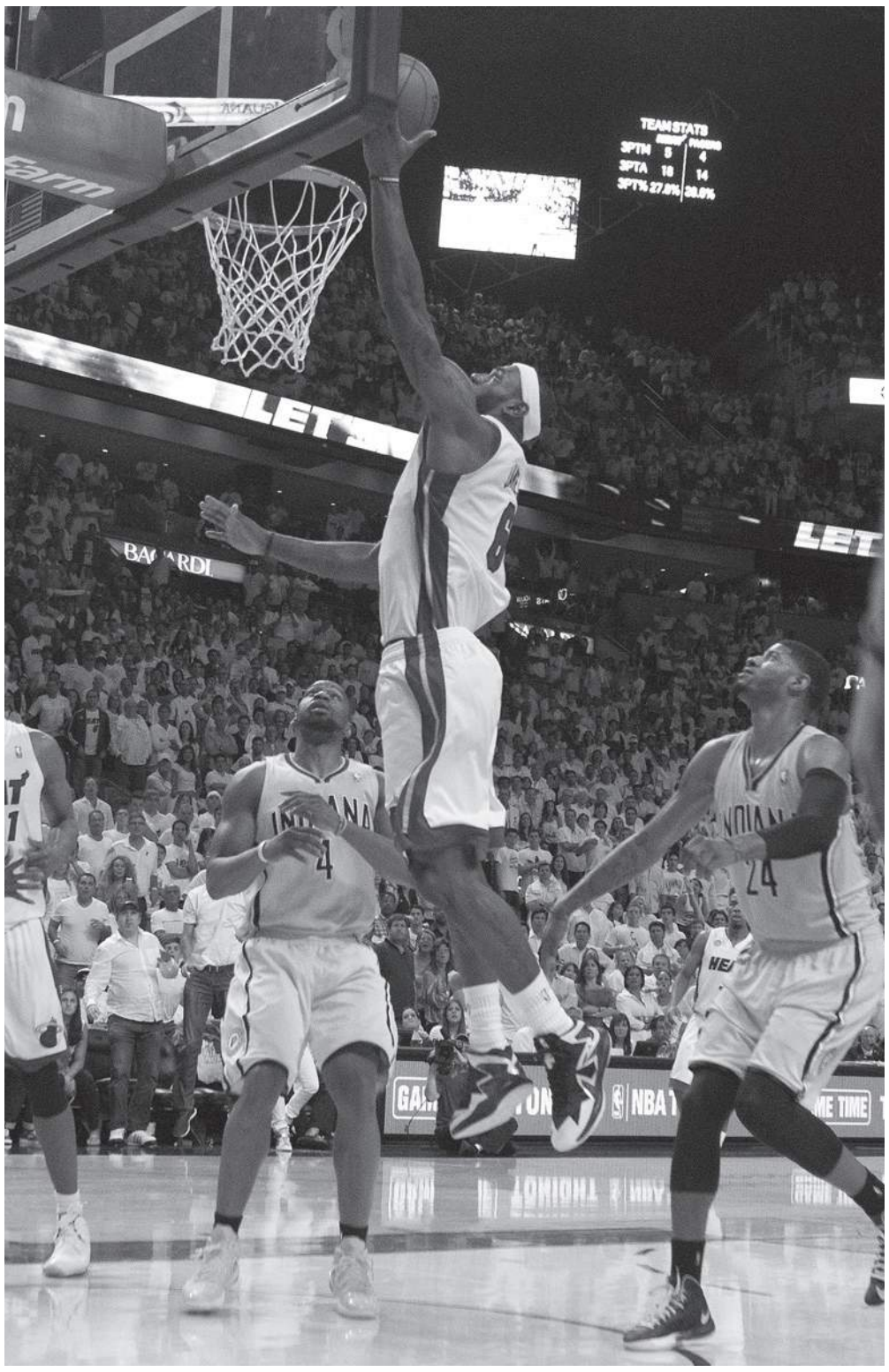
James made a layup as time expired in overtime, capping a 30-point, 10-rebound, 10-assist effort as the Miami Heat found a way to outlast the Indiana Pacers 103-102 in a wildly back-and-forth Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals Wednesday night. There were 18 ties and 17 lead changes, the last two of those coming in the final 2.2 seconds.

"Two teams fought hard," James said. "We were able to make one more play."

If this is how this series is going to go, then get ready for a classic between teams that absolutely wanted to face the other with a trip to the NBA Finals on the line.

Paul George saved the Pacers at the end of regulation with a 32-footer with 0.7 seconds left, and then made three free throws with 2.2 ticks left in overtime to give Indiana a one-point lead. George pumped his fist gently after the third free throw, then extended his index finger skyward as the teams retreated to their benches to get ready for the final play.

He just left James too much time, and the Pacers left their best shot-blocking option on the bench. Roy Hibbert wasn't on the floor for the final play, and without a 7-foot-2 barrier to contest him, James made the winner look easy.



AP

LeBron James goes in for the game winner in overtime as the Miami Heat host the Indiana Pacers for game 1 of the Eastern Conference Finals at the American Airlines Arena in Miami, Florida May 22, 2013.

"Two great teams just throwing punch for punch," Indiana coach Frank Vogel said. "Our spirit is very high, very confident. We know we can play with this basketball team."

Vogel said he left Hibbert off the floor for the final play out of concern of what defending champion Miami would do with Chris Bosh in that scenario. Afterward, he acknowledged he might have different thinking next time.

"I would say we would probably have him in next time," Vogel said.

Game 2 is Friday night in Miami.

Officials reviewed James' play at the end, though it was clear he beat the clock, and the Pacers walked slowly toward their locker room, lamenting one that got away—by no fault of George's.

George was fouled by Dwyane Wade on the play where the Pacers had to think they had stolen the series opener. Referee Jason Phillips said Wade hit George, and the Pacers' star made all three free throws for the 16th lead change of the night.

The final lead change came moments later.

"Welcome to the Eastern Conference finals," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "Back and forth the whole way."

Wade scored 19 points, Bosh had 17 and Chris Andersen had 16 on 7-for-7 shooting for Miami.

George scored 27 for the Pacers, who got 26 from David West and 19 from Hibbert. The Pacers have won only two series in NBA franchise history after dropping a Game 1.

"It just felt like everything was in our favor," George said.

The final few seconds of regulation were stunning, with Ray Allen—the sixth-best free-throw shooter in NBA history—missing one that proved big, and George making a miracle happen.

Trailing by two with 17.7 seconds left, the Pacers had to foul Allen, who surely would have been their last choice. But he missed one of the two free throws, and it remained a one-possession game. Indiana brought the ball into the frontcourt, called time, and then seemed to have nothing really working as the final seconds of regulation ticked away.

So George simply made something happen.

From 32 feet—from the newly applied Eastern Conference finals sticker on the side of the court, technically—George connected with 0.7 seconds left, tying the game and giving Indiana life.

Allen didn't get much of a desperation shot off at the end of regulation, and to overtime the teams went.

"It took an overtime to get it done," Spoelstra said. "Glad to get that one."

The Pacers kept landing the first punches in the extra session. George made a pair of free throws to open the OT, and Andersen tied it with a pair of his own. Hibbert scored from close range, and Wade answered with an easy one after a runout for the 16th tie of the night.

George was far from done. He went past James, got into the lane, tossed up a shot after contact and started what became a three-point play that put the Pacers up 99-96. Miami had three chances at the tie—a desperation 3-pointer by Shane Battier as the shot clock was expiring, then a 3-point try by Battier and another 3 attempt by Battier.

All missed.

But Bosh grabbed the rebound of the last Battier shot that bounced off the rim in that sequence, scored while being fouled by George with 49.7 seconds left, calmly swished the free throw and the teams were—what else?—tied again at 99-all.

James scored on a drive with 10.8 seconds left in the overtime, and George answered with the three free throws. With Hibbert on the bench, Indiana had one plan for James on the last play.

"We wanted LeBron to shoot a jumper right there," George said.

He was just better.

And after 3 hours, 18 minutes, it was over.

"We're excited about the win," James said. "But we have to get better going into Game 2."

NBA *draft order set, so who goes* No. 1?

By JON KRAWCZYNSKI
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

The Cleveland Cavaliers are on top of the NBA draft yet again, only this time there is no LeBron James waiting to save them. There may not even be a Kyrie Irving.

The first big NBA draft question was answered Tuesday night when the Cavaliers won the lottery for the second time in three years. But there are still plenty of questions left with a draft that many talent evaluators believe lacks the star power of previous years. And they start right at the top.

There is no consensus No. 1 selection. Kentucky big man Nerlens Noel may come the closest, but he is recovering from a torn ACL that will likely keep him out until at least December. Kansas guard Ben McLemore, Indiana guard Victor Oladipo and Georgetown forward Otto Porter also are considered some of the top players in the draft.

"I think it's a balanced draft," new Timberwolves president of basketball operations Flip Saunders said. "You don't have an Alonzo Mourning, a Patrick Ewing, a guy like Derrick Rose, Shaquille O'Neal. You don't have that one player that might single-handedly change the face of the franchise. It's going to be a draft where you might see a player at taken at 12 that some other team might take at No. 6."

Observations like that one are common, leading some to label the draft weak. Saunders is among several executives and talent evaluators who disagree with that characterization, instead taking encouragement from the overall depth.

"There isn't a player that has wowed or completely dominated college or international ball to create that buzz or whatever," said Ryan Blake, the NBA's senior director of scouting operations. "We have a bucket load of really good players that are going to make an impact immediately."

Noel is the wild card that could shape the rest of the draft. The 6-foot-10 center from Kentucky was one of the most sought-after recruits in the country, but he tore the ACL in his left knee Feb. 12, giving him just over half of a season of college experience before coming to the pros. He hopes to make his NBA debut sometime in December, but some teams could be concerned after watching Rose sit out the entire season with the same injury.

"We haven't seen him in three or four months and we're not going to see him in another three or four months," Blake said. "That can be disturbing."

The Cavs certainly could use a young big man to bring into a promising core that includes Irving, Dion Waiters and Tristan Thompson. Getting a natural shot-blocker and gifted rebounder like Noel could round out that group very nicely. A knock-down shooter like McLemore or a versatile forward like Porter would also fill some needs for a team that is desperate to get back into the playoff picture in the Eastern Conference.

The Orlando Magic sit in the No. 2 spot, still in full-on rebuilding mode after trading Dwight Howard to the Lakers before last season. If the Cavs go in another direction, the Magic could grab Noel to put alongside young center Nikola Vucevic for an imposing new-age frontcourt.

"They say this draft isn't running over with great talent, but believe me, there will be eight or 10 players from the draft, you'll look back and say they had really good careers," Magic senior vice president Pat Williams said after losing the No. 1 spot to the Cavaliers in the lottery. "We're very pleased. Obviously, we came here to win it, because we have a history and wanted to keep it going. But, everybody is very pleased with the second pick."

And just because this class is lacking a star who became a household name last season in the NCAA tournament doesn't mean there isn't one to be found. Last year at this time few knew much about a muscular point guard out of Weber State named Damian Lillard. The 6-foot-3 Lillard played four years in college, which has become more of a liability than an asset for players at the top of the draft these days.

The Portland Trail Blazers grabbed him with the sixth overall pick, and he wound up as the unanimous rookie of the year and a player heralded as a cornerstone for the franchise moving forward.

"I don't think anybody expected when Portland was picking at six last year that they'd have the unanimous rookie of the year," said Saunders, whose Timberwolves have the ninth overall choice.

Teams looking to add big men will find plenty in this draft, including Noel, Indiana's Cody Zeller, Maryland's Alex Len, Gonzaga's Kelly Olynyk, Louisville's Gorqui Dieng and Pitt's Steven Adams. And as the draft moves on into the late first round, promising prospects like Michigan's Tim Hardaway, Jr., Miami's Shane Larkin and Russia's Sergey Karasev are there for the taking.

"Some teams want to hit that home run," Blake said. "They're going to take a chance. But no matter what you get in this deep draft, you're going to have guys that come in and can be a 10-point, 10-rebound guys for 10 years."

Bautista powers Blue Jays past Rays, 4-3

TORONTO (AP)—Jose Bautista homered twice and drove in the winning run with a 10th-inning single, leading the Toronto Blue Jays to a 4-3 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Wednesday.

Bautista went 4 for 4 with a walk and four RBIs. Three other players had one hit, but that was it for Toronto's offense.

Facing Cesar Ramos (1-1), Colby Rasmus reached on an infield single to begin the 10th. Rasmus moved to second on Emilio Bonifacio's sacrifice, then took third on Munenori Kawasaki's grounder. Pinch hitter Mark DeRosa walked and Kyle Farnsworth came on to face Bautista, who singled into shallow right for the Blue Jays' first game-ending hit of the season.

Red Sox 6, White Sox 2

In Chicago, Clay Buchholz pitched five-hit ball over seven innings to improve to 7-0, and Boston beat Chicago to avoid a three-game sweep.

David Ortiz delivered a two-run single in the first off Hector Santiago (1-3), and the Red Sox backed Buchholz with several neat defensive plays on the way to their sixth win in eight games.

Jonny Gomes made a sliding catch on Paul Konerko's line drive to left with two on to end the first. Jacoby Ellsbury raced to the center-field warning track to snag Alexei Ramirez's liner with a runner on and two out in the fifth to preserve a 2-1 lead.

Orioles 6, Yankees 3

In Baltimore, Chris Davis went 4 for 4, including his AL-leading 14th homer, and Baltimore got a three-run shot from Matt Wieters in a victory over New York.

Nick Markakis added a solo home run for the Orioles, who took two of three from New York to pull within three games of the first-place Yankees in the AL East.

Curtis Granderson homered, doubled and singled for New York. Needing a triple to reach the cycle, he drew a walk in the seventh inning.

Rangers 3, Athletics 1

In Arlington, Texas, David Murphy and Adrian Beltre homered in a three-run first inning, Ross Wolf was strong in his first major league start and Texas avoided a sweep with a victory against Oakland.

The 30-year-old Wolf was making his first big league appearance since Oct. 1, 2010, as a reliever with Oakland. He retired the first nine hitters and gave up one run with three strikeouts and two walks in five innings.

Angels 7, Mariners 1

In Anaheim, Calif., C.J. Wilson struck out 10 in eight innings, Josh Hamilton had a two-run single and Los Angeles handed Seattle its season-worst sixth straight loss.

Wilson (4-3) allowed a run and six hits in his longest outing since June 8, 2012, when he also went eight innings in a 7-2 interleague victory at Colorado. The left-hander won for the first time since May 1 at Oakland after losing his previous three starts, including back-to-back 3-0 decisions against Chris Sale of the Chicago White Sox.

Astros 3, Royals 1

In Houston, J.D. Martinez hit a two-run homer off James Shields, Jordan Lyles pitched six effective innings and Houston beat Kansas City.

Lyles (2-1) allowed one run and six hits in his 50th career game. Travis Blackley and Hector Ambriz each got three outs before Jose Veras pitched a perfect ninth for his eighth save one night after the bullpen struggled in a 7-3 loss.

Tigers 11, Indians 7

In Cleveland, Justin Verlander overcame a rocky start and rain delay to get his fifth win and Miguel Cabrera hit another homer as the Detroit Tigers beat Cleveland, sweeping the two-game series between the AL Central's top teams.

Verlander (5-4) was two outs from qualifying for a victory, when the game was stopped with the Tigers leading 9-5 in the fifth. The right-hander came back after the weather break and finished the inning to get the win, ending a run of five straight victories by the Indians over former Cy Young winners.

Dodgers 9, Brewers 2

In Milwaukee, Dodgers manager Don Mattingly criticized his team and benched All-Star right fielder Andre Ethier, then watched Los Angeles beat the Milwaukee Brewers.

Mattingly, in the third and final year of his contract, discussed his club's lack of mental toughness and said he wanted a balanced team that has grit and fight. He benched Ethier for the third time in six games and said he was "putting out my lineup that I feel is going to be the most competitive and going to compete the hardest."

Nationals 2, Giants 1, 10 innings

In San Francisco, Ian Desmond singled in Bryce Harper in the 10th inning, helping Washington avoid a three-game series sweep.

Harper hit his 12th homer in the sixth and sparked the winning rally with a one-out double. Ryan Zimmerman was walked intentionally before Desmond came up with his big hit against Jeremy Affeldt (1-1).

Rockies 4, Diamondbacks 1

In Denver, Carlos Gonzalez homered and drove in two runs, Jorge De La Rosa pitched effectively into the sixth and the Rockies took two of three from the Diamondbacks.

Dexter Fowler had two hits in his first start in the cleanup spot and Nolan Arenado added an RBI double as the Rockies caught the Diamondbacks in the standings. Colorado, Arizona and San Francisco are now tied atop the NL West with 26-21 records.

Cardinals 5, Padres 3

In San Diego, Tyler Lyons pitched seven solid innings in his major league debut on the same day St. Louis lost Jaime Garcia for the season.

Lyons, who was promoted from Triple-A Memphis after Garcia went on the disabled list, allowed one run and four hits. The 25-year-old left-hander was a ninth-round draft pick in 2010 out of Oklahoma State.

The Cardinals announced before that game that Garcia will have season-ending shoulder surgery this week. The lefty went 5-2 with a 3.58 ERA in nine starts this year, helping St. Louis bolt to the majors' best record at 30-16.

Reds 7, Mets 4

In New York, Brandon Phillips bounced a bizarre double over first base to snap a ninth-inning tie, and the Reds completed a three-game sweep.

Joey Votto homered and Zack Cozart had a career-high four hits, all off Matt Harvey, in a game that featured a little bit of everything—including a testy exchange in the dugout between Cincinnati starter Mat Latos and teammate Jay Bruce.

Still, the Reds regrouped and won for the 10th time in 12 games. They finished a 7-2 trip against the bottom three teams in the NL East, moving a season-best 11 games over .500 at 29-18.

Phillies 3, Marlins 0

In Miami, Cliff Lee pitched a three-hitter for his 12th career shutout and Delmon Young homered for the second straight game for Philadelphia.

Lee (5-2) struck out five, walked two and hit a batter in his first shutout since Sept. 5, 2011. The Marlins were blanked for the ninth time this season.

Lee also helped himself by getting two hits.

Pirates 1, Cubs 0

In Pittsburgh, Francisco Liriano continued his torrid start, scattering two hits over seven innings to help Pittsburgh to the win.

Liriano (3-0) struck out nine and walked one to remain unbeaten since making his season debut against the New York Mets two weeks ago. Mark Melancon survived a bumpy ninth inning for his first save of the season.

Braves 8, Twins 3

In Atlanta, Evan Gattis kept up an amazing rookie season with his first grand slam, and Atlanta finished off a sweep of woeful Minnesota.

B.J. Upton and Ramiro Pena also homered as the Braves stretched their winning streak to six games with a second straight series sweep, making things easy for starter Paul Maholm (6-4). The left-hander held the Twins to an unearned run in 7 1-3 innings.

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Seeded players advance in boys field

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Four ranked players barged into the quarterfinals of the boys U18 singles event in the IT&E Northern Marianas Open Junior Championships after yesterday's matches at the Pacific Islands Club and Kanoa Resort course.

Still left standing for the Round of 8 are No. 2 seed Chang Yin Chan of Hong Kong and No. 3 Yong Seak Jang and No. 5 Seng Hui Lee, and No. 4 Jae Hee Cho of Korea. Completing the quarterfinal cast are qualifiers Hyun Chung of Korea, wild cards Anthony Jackie Tang of Hong Kong and Francisco Adolfo Blanco Paris of Spain, and Australia's Jesse Delaney.

Delay advanced to the quarterfinals after a 7-6 (6), 2-6, 6-2 win over Korea's Sangcheol Oh, and will be paired against Chung, who defeated fellow qualifier Leo Vithoontien of Thailand, 6-4, 7-5.

In the other quarterfinals pairing at the top half of the draw, it will be Cho versus after Tang after they topped Japan's Kota Kuramoto, 6-0, 6-1, and China Yu Hao Lu, 7-5, 6-2, respectively, in the Round of 16 matches yesterday.

In the lower half of the draw, there will be an all-Korean quarterfinal showdown with Lee advancing against Jang after the former downed the CNMI's Chris Cajigan, 6-0, 6-0. Cajigan despite the loss got a Junior ITF ranking, as he won his first match over fellow CNMI player Seiya Eda. Jang was pitted against Elliot Thorton in the first round and Japan's Sohta Namise in the second and ruled both games to make it to the quarterfinals.

The last quarterfinals pairing will be Chan against Blanco Paris, who eliminated Australia's Steven Vujic, 6-0, 6-3, and the CNMI's Amami Sakano, 6-3, 6-1, respectively.

Meanwhile, Vujic teamed up with compatriot Delaney and survived a tough challenge from the CNMI's Rafael Jones and the Philippines' Jerome Romualdez, 3-6, 6-1 (11-9), The Australian pair is in the quarterfinals along with the top seeded duo of Chan and Kennosuke Nouchi, Hongjun Lee and Vithoontien, Chung and Jang, Tan and Seth En Teoh, Lu and Tang, Blanco Paris and Philip Westwood, and second-ranked Cho and Seng Hui Lee.

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Australia's Stefan Vujic goes for a backhand return during his and teammate Jesse Delaney's doubles match against the CNMI's Rafael Jones and the Philippines' Jerome Romualdez in the IT&E Northern Marianas Open Junior Championships yesterday at the Pacific Islands Club hard court.

12 SSC bets join Guam tournament

Twelve Saipan Swim Club members will compete in the 2013 Guam Swim Federation Championships beginning today at the Hagatna Pool.

The list includes Victoria Chentsova, Kento Akimaru, Lennosuke Suzuki, Taiga Sato, and Rinto Takahashi and Guam meet first-timers Jinnosuke Suzuki, Taiyo Akimaru, Conatsu Kaga, Rintaro Miyawaki, Akira Kadokura, Christian Villacrusis, and Jinju Thompson. The 12 swimmers earned tickets to the weekend competition after meeting the qualifying times.

"SSC is once again excited and pleased to be fielding its young talents to represent the CNMI in the upcoming Guam Swim Federation Championships," SSC through its president Robert Torres stated in an email sent to *Saipan Tribune.*

Akimaru will be competing in the 11 to 12 age group and in eight events, including the 100m breaststroke and 50m and 100m butterfly. Lennosuke Suzuki and Takahashi will have join eight races and both will participate in the 9 to 10 division. Chentsova, the most senior on the group, is set to race in six events in the 15 to 16 division. The SSC bets, who are coached by Jacoby Winkfield, will join relay races, too.

Then on Sunday, Chentsova, Akimaru, Lennosuke Suzuki, Sato, and Villacrusis will see action in the Coco's Crossing Ocean Swim at Merizo Pier. Chentsova participated in the same 2.5-mile race and timed in at 46:57, while Akimaru clocked in at 47:55.

Meanwhile, SSC would like to thank Fiesta Resort & Spa Guam and the Tan Siu Lin Foundation for providing complimentary accommodations to the swimmers and officials. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

MGA to hold May ace thus Sunday

Marianas Golf Association will hold its May Ace of the Month Tournament this Sunday, May 26, at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort west course.

Tee time is 10am and showtime is 9am. There will be a special $30 rate for MGA members participating in this ace of the month tourney.

Interested players must submit their names to the club (through email, phone, or Facebook) to get on the list to be submitted to Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

MGA president Carl J. Hocog, meanwhile, welcomed new members that took part in the April ace. They include Harry Nakamura, Rep. John Paul Sablan, Colin Thompson, Kimmie Thompson, Garth Backe, John Poiroux, Tony Yang, and Bill Camacho.

MGA would also like to recognize junior golfers Brian Camacho, Jordan Pangelinan, T.J. Dela Cruz, Nathan Camacho, and Patrick Tenorio Jr. who participated in the tournament and continue to show interest in learning the game and improving their skills

Hocog said that they are still inviting members of the community to join the club. The deadline for the annual membership fee of $50 has been extended until the June ace of the month.

For more information and for further updates on upcoming MGA tournaments, contact J.J. Atalig at 285-4115, Greg Sablan Jr. at 483-8263, or email marianasgolf670@gmail.com. The public can also view the organization's Facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/MarianasGolfAssociation. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

PADRES

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championship showdown with the Braves.

The Padres were scheduled to play the winner-take-all finals against the Braves at 6:30pm, but the match was delayed for more than three hours due to the extended Senior League title match between eventual champions Fielders and the Braves. The Big League finalists then made it to the field past 10pm and went on to finish the game after just one hour with Camacho playing steady on the mound and both the Padres and the Braves failing to heat up their engine after spending hours waiting for the Senior League title game to wrap up.

Incidentally, it was Camacho who scored the first run in the game of Jordan Pangelinan's double at the deep right field at the top of the opening inning. The Padres were called for two early outs before Camacho reached home and they were done in the inning after only five batters, as Carl Camacho was called for a 1-3 putout play, leaving Pangelinan stranded at second.

The Braves also finished in the bottom of the first inning quickly with Brian Camacho getting two early strikeouts and shortstop A.J. Lizama catching a fly ball. The Braves continued to struggle in the next two innings, as Brian Camacho got two more strikeouts in the third. The Braves had a chance to earn their first run in the second inning with Jeremy Atalig walking, making it to second off a wild pitch, and stealing third. However, he was stuck there after Ricky Riungel was beaten to first base for the third out.

The Braves then finally got into the board at the bottom of the fourth with Peter Lieto reaching home off a fielder's choice and they kept the match tied in the fifth after retiring the Padres' first three batters at the top.

However, the Padres regained the lead at the top of the sixth, which started with Steven Cabrera going out on a 5-3 play. Lizama was next at bat and doubled and the Padres got another hit off relief pitcher Lamarc Iguel when Brian Camacho nailed a single to center field and drove Lizama home for the go-ahead run. Brian Camacho was later tagged out to second and the Padres were called for the third out off Carl Camacho's fly ball.

Down by one, the Braves had the opportunity to even up the match at the bottom of the sixth when Iguel went to as far was third base off a hit by pitch, stolen base, and throwing error by catcher Pangelinan, with only one out. However, Brian Camacho was there to save the Padres, as he got a strike and then picked up a bunt and threw to first base for the third out.

Despite failing to score in the sixth inning, the Braves remained in contention when they booted out the Padres' first three batters at the top of the last inning. However, they could not complement their good defense with a strong offense in the crucial bottom of the seventh inning. Leadoff batter Robert Tudela was beaten to first, while Riungel was left stranded at first, as Brian Camacho struck out Phil Litulimar and L.J. Norita flied out with Lizama catching the ball to hand the Padres the title win.

LOPEZ

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Kong's Wai Lam Ip and Yuen Tung Liu, 7-6 (2), 6-4, yesterday at the Pacific Islands Club hard court. With the victory, Lopez and Rastguiy got Junior ITF ranking points, as this Grade 5 event awards 5 points (each player in doubles) to quarterfinalists. The doubles ranking points added to the 5 Lopez earlier earned in the singles when she won over Ip in last Wednesday's opening round, 6-3, 6-0, before losing to No. 4 seed and the Philippines' Isabella Orteza, 3-6, 2-6.

Back in the doubles, Lopez and Rasguiy will have a tougher foe when they meet the pair of Singapore's Angela Lim and Emiri Vithoontien. The second-seeded duo is seeded second and drew a bye yesterday.

Completing the quarterfinals cast in the girls U18 doubles are Japan's Yuri Katano and Mei Otsuka, Hong Kong's Chak Lam Chan and Germany's Vivien Klein, South Africa's Warona Mdlulwa and Palau's Ayana Rengiil, the U.S.' Sachi Belwal and the Philippines' Maria Dominique Ong, Japan's Izumi Asano and Miyu Hashimoto, and top-ranked siblings Isabella and Katrina Orteza of the Philippines.

The Orteza got a bye yesterday and will be facing Asano and Hashimoto, who ousted the CNMI's Thea Minor and Australia's Hene Demiri, 6-0, 6-1. Ong and Belwal also receive a bye and will be paired in the quarterfinals against Mdlulwa and Rengiil, who came from a 6-2, 6-3 triumph over the CNMI's Alina Ishikawa and Emily Jones.

Chan and Klein posted a straight set win, too, versus the CNMI's Tammy Ackerman and Thailand's Gorbua Srisirisupayok, 6-3, 7-5, to advance against Katano and Otsuka, who were seeded third and marched automatically to the quarterfinals.

Meanwhile, the five ranked players in the singles division lived up to expectations with the top seed Katrina Orteza leading qualifiers in the quarterfinals.

Orteza won over Hashimoto, 6-3, 6-2, to set up a quarterfinals tiff against Belwal, who edged Lim, 7-6 (3), 6-1. Joinining Belwal and Orteza to the next round are the third-ranked Otsuka, Mdlulwa, the fifth-ranked Katano, Isabella Orteza, the seven-ranked Klein, and Asano.

Two seeded players bowed out of contention with No. 2 Vithoontien bowing to Asano, 0-6, 1-6, and Lim losing to Belwal 6-7 (3), 1-6.

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easy win. Yong Ha Hwang made it to the board first in the fourth minute, while Kitae Kim scored in the 23 rd and Chong Koo Gil found the back of the net in the 54th minute, while Paire avoided a shutout after drawing a goal from Erick Cooke in the 60th.

DIVISION 2

Matansa 5, Shirley's 2

Adbul Shahanawez canned back-to-back goals to lift Matansa to victory over Shirley's.

Shahanawez nailed his second goal in the 63rd for the insurance. He got his first in the 38th, handing Matansa a 3-1 lead. Jun Liu and Kamrul Kamrul notched the two other goals for Matansa, while Jack Chan put Shirley's in the board in the first half before earning his second in the final half.

In a make-up game last week, Sun Palace edged Shirley's, 4-3.

Shirley's regroups, beats Saipan Apparel

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Shirley's rebounded from a previous setback after defeating Saipan Apparel, 89-82, in the second game in the 4th Shirley's Coffee Shop Basketball League last Wednesday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

The host team shut down Saipan Apparel for about two minutes midway in the fourth period to turn a shaky 75-73 lead to a double-digit spread, 83-73, and hung in tough in the end to recover from an 88-90 loss to Docomo Pacific last Saturday. Shirley's improved to a 5-2 record for solo third place, while Saipan Apparel dropped to a 1-6 slate and must start winning now to avoid elimination. Only the Top 8 teams will advance to the playoffs and Saipan Apparel is at the bottom of the 10-squad field.

Saipan Apparel kept Shirley's within striking distance and even led early in the first period and in the latter half of the third canto before running out of steam in the fourth frame.

The final canto began with Shirley's up by a deuce, 69-67, and the match remained close in the first three minutes of the payoff period as the opposing teams made exchanges. However after a split from Michael Babauta kept Saipan Apparel within a basket, 73-75, Shirley's launched a short 8-0 run, 4 of them coming from big man Erick Dela Rosa, to take a 10-point lead, going into the final two and a half minutes of the match.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Shirley's Dennis Vinas dribbles out of Saipan Apparel defenders during the fourth quarter of their game in the Shirley's caging last Wednesday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Five straight points from Peter Sablan put some life on Saipan Apparel's dying chances to steal the game, however Dela Rosa answered with 5 more points, while Errol Peredo contributed 2 to thwart their foe.

Shirley's wisely used the clock in the closing minutes after posting a double-digit lead and hustled for the ball to get second chance attempts and waste more time.

Dela Rosa finished with a team-high 21 points, while Peredo chipped in 19, the same markers Dennis Vinas contributed when he returned to the team after missing the game against Docomo.

Pete Lizama had 20 points for Saipan Apparel, but was scoreless in the fourth canto after hitting a buzzer-beating triple at the end of the third period.

DFS 96, Mariana Resort 84

In the curtain-raiser, DFS Galleria (4-3) got its offense going in the first half to set up an easy win over Mariana Resort (1-6).

The defending champion built an early double-digit advantage after the first canto, 23-12, behind the 9 points of Elmer Esdrelon. Mariana Resort fell behind at the get-go, as only Darwin Barbo scored more than one field goal in the opening quarter.

Baskets then kept pouring for DFS in the second period, as it erupted for 35 big points to increase the lead 27 at halftime, 55-28. Junar Guiab and Jack Lizama teamed up in the second-quarter assault, scoring 10 and 8 markers, respectively.

DFS never looked back from thereon, as help came in late for Mariana Resort with Leo Galarse arriving in the fourth quarter with the defending champion enjoying a 73-55 advantage.

First Game

DFS Galleria 96 – Guiab 26, Esdrelon 19, Lizama 14, Barcinas 11, Dikito 8, Hirochi 6, Libuw 4, Rabago 2, Miron 2.

Mariana Resort 84 – Abuy 26, Barbo 17, Camacho 11, Galarse 9, Ocanada 8, Gatdula 4, Capuli 3, Sanchez 2, Delos Reyes 1.

Scoring by quarters: 23-12, 55-28, 73-55, 96-84.

Second Game

Shirley's 89 – Dela Rosa 21, Peredo 19, Vinas 19, Barrios 7, Montes 6, Usi 4, Yap 3, Jugos 2.

Saipan Apparel 82 – Norita 22, Lizama 20, Diaz 18, Sablan 8, Guerrero 4, Babauta 3, Barrazo 2.

Scoring by quarters: 21-27, 48-42, 69-67, 89-82.

Lyn Heat beats up Maplas; Freestyle wins

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Lyn's Heat held Maplas La Mani to the lowest output so far in the 2013 DLX Invitational Basketball League, en route to a 20-point victory, 66-46, last Wednesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Maplas (2-4) went scoreless in the last five minutes of the fourth quarter to have its two-game winning streak snapped, while Lyn's Heat gained back-to-back wins after a 0-3 start.

Joy Dayrit led Lyn's victory, scoring 21 points, while Christian Devero and White Capalad also finished in twin digits with their 19 and 12 markers, respectively.

Dayrit got 8 early points to give Lyn's Heat a 13-10 advantage after the first canto. The match continued to become a low-scoring game in the second quarter with Lyn's Heat having the slight edge, 17-15. Again, Dayrit towed Lyn's Heat's offense anew in the second period, adding 9 more points to stretch their lead to 5 at the break, 30-25.

The advantage surged to double-digits at the end of the third, 49-36, as Devero canned 11 of his total points in the third period and matched Maplas' total production. Then in the first half of the fourth quarter, Maplas managed to make a little headway, slicing the deficit to single digits, 46-55, behind the 6 points of Noel David.

Unfortunately, that was it for David and the rest of his teammates, as they either committed turnovers or muffed shots in the remaining five minutes of the match, while Lyn's Heat walked away with easy baskets to clinch the win.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Lyn's Heat's Jeff Garcia is hammered by two Maplas La Mani players during the fourth quarter of their game in the DLX caging last Wednesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Freestyle 74, Camor 70

In another low-scoring match, Freestyle (4-1) downed Camor (2-3).

Freestyle drew double figures from three players to eke out the 4-point win and take the solo lead in Bracket B. Melvin Cadiang fired 20 points, Jun Pantaleon chipped in 18, and the youthful D.J. Ong contributed 13.

Ong drilled back-to-back baskets in the homestretch to keep Freestyle's lead, while Pantaleon and Cecilio Bisana hit timely shots in the final canto and combined for 9 points. Cadiang was held to one charity in the payoff period, but hit two straight triples to end the third canto and help Freestyle retain the driver's seat, 54-50.

Camor won the battle of triples, 8-6, but fell short in the end, as it leaned heavily on Jack Aranda after missing key player Prince Factor.

First Game

Freestyle 74 – Cadiang 20, Pantaleon 18, Ong 13, Brown 9, Bisana 6, Echavez 2, Tobias 1.

Camor 70 – Aranda 18, Yap 11, Galulu 10, Ibanez 9, Litulumar 8, Cayading 8, Espinosa 4.

Scoring by quarters: 21-17, 36-33, 54-50, 74-70.

Second Game

Lyn's Heat 66 – Dayrit 21, Devero 19, Capalad 12, Llagas 4, Vergara 3, Mateo 2, Omnes 2, Garcia 2.

Maplas La Mani 46 – David 15, Usi 14, Ito 8, Aniciete 4, Rivera 2, Surla 1.

Scoring by quarters: 13-10, 30-25, 49-36, 66-46.

GES Mallards rule PIC Dodgeball

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Players and officials of Garapan Mallards Quack Attack pose with their prizes after winning last week's 2013 PIC Dodgeball Tournament.

Garapan Elementary School's Mallards Quack Attack topped the 2013 Pacific Islands Club Dodgeball Tournament held last Saturday at the PIC hard court.

The Mallards ruled the eight-team tournament after beating Gregorio T. Camacho in the finals. The champion squad is composed of Antonia Remarii, Joshalyn Flores, Jordan Ocaya, Juan Quitano, Gios Gozon, Nikolai Balbin, Louie Calayag, Dante Kaipat, Austin Benavente, and Jessie Quitano.

They also finished first in pool play with eight wins and 37 points, followed by Koblerville (7 wins/29 points), GTC (6/16), Oleai B (5/19), Kagman (5/19), Oleai A (2/12), Whispering Palms (2/11), and Kyokushin Kai Karate Kids (1/3).

After the pool play, all eight teams advanced to the double-elimination playoff with Garapan notching the first finals berth after winning over Kyokushin Kai, Oleai B, and Kagman. With its unbeaten record in the playoffs, the Mallards earned a twice-to-beat advantage in the finals.

GTC booked the second finals berth after edging Koblerville in the loser's bracket semis. GTC first prevailed over Oleai A in the playoff opener before losing to Kagman in the second round to drop to the loser's bracket. The Binadus then bounced back, thumping Kagman and Whispering Palms to get a second crack at Koblerville and this time, GTC won. However, Garapan ended GTC's run, winning Game 1 of the finals.

Meanwhile, tournament organizers would like to thank PIC-Saipan, PTC, Gatorade, and C2 for supporting the dodgeball contest for elementary school students. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

LeBron saves Heat at buzzer of Game 1

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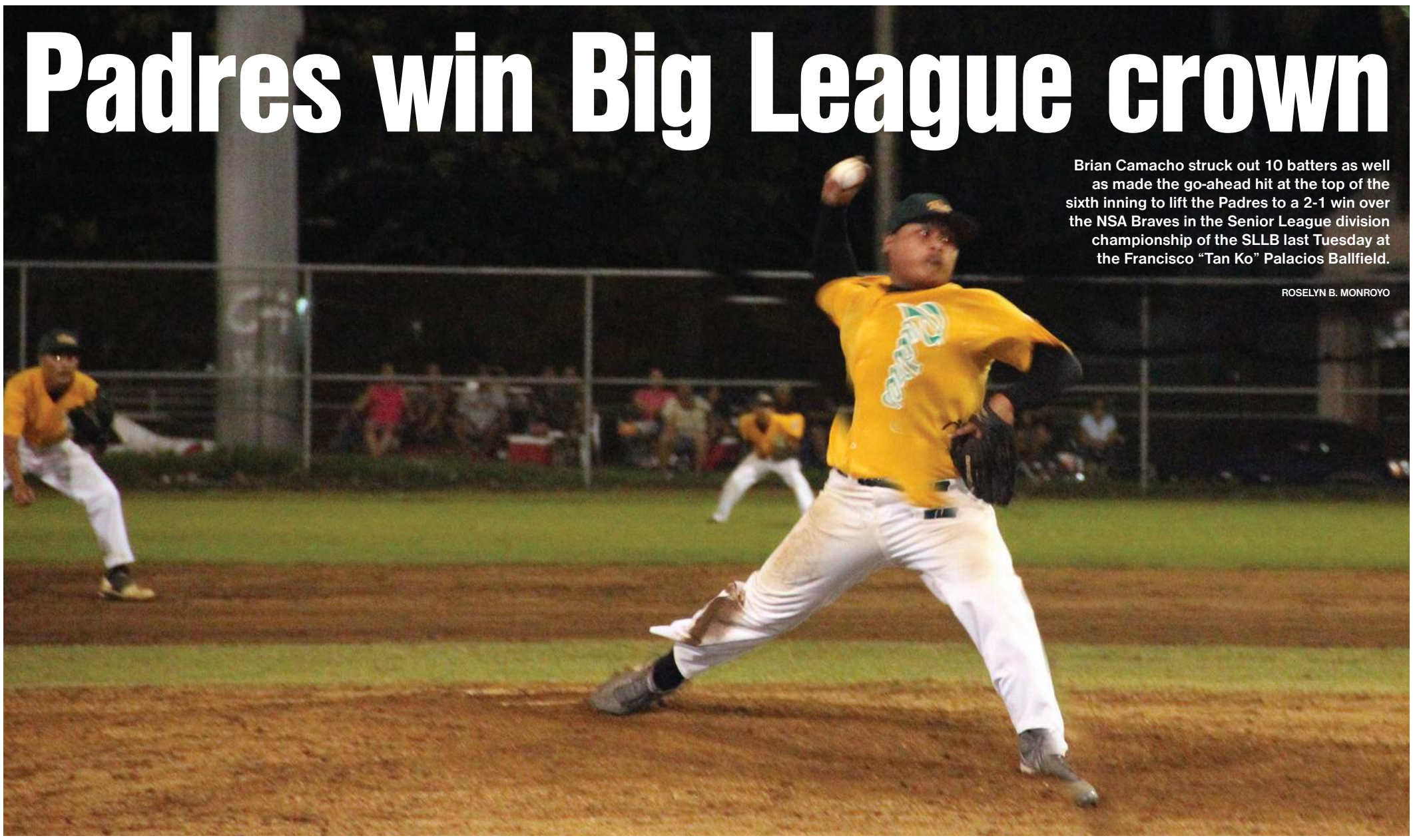
Padres win Big League crown



Brian Camacho struck out 10 batters as well as made the go-ahead hit at the top of the sixth inning to lift the Padres to a 2-1 win over the NSA Braves in the Senior League division championship of the SLLB last Tuesday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

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The Padres pulled off another close win, edging the NSA Braves, 2-1, to claim the championship in the Big League division in the 2013 Saipan Little League Baseball late Tuesday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Brian Camacho delivered on both ends of the field, striking out 10 in a no-relief job and making the go-ahead hit at the top of the sixth inning to lift the Padres to the title victory. The Padres also won by one run in their semis duel against the Ol'Aces, 9-8, last Sunday to arrange a

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Wild Bill's bags Division 1 championship

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Wild Bill's clinched the Division 1 championship in the M-League after downing MP United, 3-1, last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Wild Bill's finished the double-round robin spring season with an 8-0-2 win-draw loss record and 24 points, two wins ahead of MP United (6-1-3/19). Before their last weekend's meeting, only two points separated MP United and Wild Bill's, thus the Sunday match was the deciding game for the division championship.

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Wild Bill's Greg Sablan cuts in and kicks the ball out during the second half of their game against MP United in Division 1 of the M-League last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

MP United boosted its chances for the Division 1 title when Joe Miller scored the first goal in the crucial match in the 18th minute. However, Tanapon Unsa quickly tied the game one minute later. Then three minutes before the first half ended, James McAllister scored to put Wild Bill's in the lead.

MP United made repeated attempts to score, but faltered, including a bicycle kick from Miller, while Unsa had the last say in the match, connecting on his second goal a few second before the game was over.

KFAS 4, Paire 1

In the other Division 1 match, KFAS (5-2-3) finished the season on a winning note after beating Paire.

KFAS got goals from different players en route to the

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Lopez and Rastguiy gain Junior ITF ranking points

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Mikayla Lopez bends down for a return during her and Negahr Rastguiy's doubles game against Hong Kong's Wai Lam Ip and Yuen Tung Liu in the IT&E Northern Marianas Open Junior Championships yesterday at the Pacific Islands Club hard court.

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The CNMI tandem of Mikayla Lopez and Negahr Rastguiy marched into the quarterfinals of the girls U18 doubles event in the IT&E Northern Marianas Open Junior Championships.

Lopez and Rastguiy earned quarterfinals berth after sweeping Hong

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